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MISS EDNA MAY HAS SCORED ANOTHER SUCCESS.



At the Prince of Wales's Theatre, in a clever skit, called the "Darling of the Guards," which burlesques Mr. Tree's Japanese play at His Majesty's, Miss Edna May has greatly added to her reputation as a clever and dainty actress. Mr. Arthur Roberts "takes off" Mr. Tree to perfection, and the whole playlet is a brilliant, if extravagant, success.

[Downey.]

**"BIDING HER TIME."**

Russia Expects to Wait  
Months for Victory.

**ANOTHER NAVAL ATTACK?**

British Officers Honoured  
by the Mikado.

An unconfirmed report states that Admiral Togo has made a third attack on Port Arthur.

Another rumour states that the Japanese have captured four Russian torpedo-boat destroyers.

A Russian pilot boat has been blown up at Dalny, where mines are floating about the harbour. Admiral Alexieff is at Mukden, the capital of Manchuria, which he will make his headquarters.

An important scheme of army reform on German lines is about to be carried out in Russia.

The officers who navigated Japan's new cruisers have had signal marks of favour in an audience with the Mikado.

It is reported that several hundred Russian cavalry have appeared at Anju, Korea, about forty miles north of Ping-Yang.

The report of a fresh attack by Admiral Togo on the crippled Russian squadron at Port Arthur is still unconfirmed. The rumours, however, are so persistent that it is believed that there is some basis of fact behind them. There is nothing inherently improbable in the report, for Admiral Togo's policy is to worry the Russian commanders as much as he can, and, if possible, to compass the complete destruction of the force.

Japan has, it is true, in one sense, the command of the sea, but though crippled the Russian ships may still be able to cause annoyance, and while the Port Arthur squadron exists Japan must divide her forces. One part of her fleet has to keep its eye on the Vladivostok squadron, which intends to devote its attention to ravaging the coast of Hokkaido, the most northern island of Japan. Another Japanese force has the responsibility of conveying troops, and it would be a considerable relief if the Port Arthur squadron could be wiped out. There is little doubt that if a third attack has not already made it may be expected shortly.

Fighting will probably not begin on a large scale for some time. A Japanese Army Corps is starting from Chemulpho on its way north, but it is not probable that the main forces of the two Powers will come into collision for some weeks, though there may be small affairs of outposts.

Meanwhile, we have a telegram from a Berlin source to the effect that several hundred Russian cavalrymen have appeared at An-ju and have destroyed the telegraph lines. An-ju is about 80 miles to the south of the Manchurian frontier, and is a strong military position.

**PROTRACTED WAR.**

The war is evidently to be a protracted one. Russia has been roused to earnestness by her disasters, and the discovery of the rottenness in her Army system. The distinguished General Kropatkin, who has been appointed to the chief military command, will not leave for the scene of war for two or three weeks.

He has (says Reuter) begun to draw up his plan of campaign. Preparations are being made for the reorganisation of the Ministry of War on the lines of that of Germany.

The view that Russia will bide her time is borne out by an interesting Reuter special telegram from St. Petersburg. A high authority there declares that "The war will be over by August or September, and will result in the complete defeat of the Japanese."

Russia will act on the defensive until she feels confident that the weight of numbers leaves no doubt as to the result. It will probably be some time before she feels fully prepared to assume the offensive.

The recall of the Russian squadron, which has been lingering about Jibutib, is part of the reconstructed plan of campaign. Some of the vessels belonging to the squadron have already passed the canal on their way back to Odessa.

The calculation of the German military organ, the "Militär Wochenschrift," is that Japan's fighting strength is 165,884 men, and that Russia will have in the field, when the Siberian Rifles, now started, have reached the front, 158,769 fighting troops. The transport of a Russian Army Corps of 25,000 men across Siberia to the front at the rate of seven trains daily requires at least sixteen days, even assuming that there is no breakdown. Many competent authorities think it will be absolutely impossible to maintain a war service on the line, which is very badly constructed.

**FRANCE AND HER ALLY.**

The chances of France joining her ally are still eagerly discussed. "The Figaro," which pointed out that Russia was willing to join France against us over the Fashoda affair, points out that France considered Russian policy to be bound up with her own at the conclusion of the Chino-Japanese war, when the two powers acted together to expel Japan from the Asiatic mainland.

In a telegram to St. Petersburg M. Hanotaux, at that time French Minister of Foreign Affairs, said "France puts respect for her alliance in the forefront of her preoccupations. We are therefore disposed to support as effectively as possible the views of the Imperial Government."

France is showing great naval activity, and is watching our own precautions with much interest.

The torpedo-destroyers Pistolet and Javeline left yesterday for Algiers, where they will await, with the destroyers Mosquet and Fronde, the arrival of the cruiser "D'Assas," which will leave as soon as it is ready to convoy them to the Far East.

The French torpedo depot ship Foudre has received orders to take two submarines to Saigon. She will afterwards return to take out two more.

The "Liberte" gives currency to a report that the entire Chinese Navy has been bought by France on behalf of Russia.

**MIKADO SHAKES HANDS.****UNUSUAL HONOUR FOR OFFICERS OF THE NEW CRUISERS.****COURT ETIQUETTE BROKEN.**

Most unusual honours have been shown to the British officers, Captain Lea, Captain Paynter, and Lieutenant Boyle, who navigated the new Japanese cruisers, the Kasuga and the Nisshin, from Genoa to Japan.

According to a Reuter special message, the Emperor yesterday received the officers in audience at the Palace, and formally thanked them for bringing the cruisers safely to Japan.

Then followed a most unwanted honour. "The Emperor shook hands with each of the officers on presentation, and again on taking leave of them."

For the Mikado to shake hands with anybody is a very extraordinary piece of condescension. He has probably never shaken hands with a Japanese in his life, in the first place because shaking hands is not a Japanese custom, and in the second because the Emperor is regarded as altogether apart from common humanity. The ordinary Japanese salute to royalty is a very low bow and a drawing-in of the breath.

It is extraordinary to think that this same Monarch, who now good-naturedly grasps the hand of the plucky British sailors who have done such signal service to his country, is the same person whose youth was passed in the punctilious etiquette of the old Court of Kioto. Up to 1868 the present Mikado was surrounded by an atmosphere of superstitious veneration. None outside the innermost circle of the Court might approach the presence, and to the common people he was a god.

Even the British Ambassador sought an audience he could not behold the Emperor's face.

His Majesty sat behind a screen, so that his feet were visible. The feeling of veneration for the Imperial person still exists, but the seclusion of the Emperor has long been a thing of the past.

He is often seen at the Yokohama Racecourse, for he is very fond of racing, and moves freely about the country. The Court etiquette is, however, still strict, and the officers of the cruisers have had a mark of favour of the most uncommon kind.

**ALEXEIEFF ON WHEELS.****The Special Train in Which the Admiral May Live.**

An interesting account of Admiral Alexeieff's plans is given by the Paris "Matin's" correspondent at Harbin.

According to Reuter, the correspondent states the Admiral is at Mukden, the capital of Manchuria, and the birthplace of the Imperial dynasty of China.

He will instal his headquarters' staff in the railway concession in a number of small huts, which have been already prepared for their reception.

It is even possible that the Viceroy will live in his special train, which is at the present moment waiting on the line. The corridor-car would in that case serve as an office for his staff. Vice Admiral Stark will be superseded by Rear-Admiral Rozhdestvensky, who will arrive this week.

Travellers arriving from Port Arthur continue to describe that town as absolutely calm. Life pursues its ordinary course, except that lights are not allowed at night, and that the darkness after sunset makes the evening particularly trying.

**THE IMPRISONED MANDJUR.****Her Situation May Lead to Much Diplomatic Trouble.**

The Mandjur, the Russian gunboat which is in so perilous a situation at Shanghai, with a Japanese cruiser lying in wait for her departure, may be the cause of much trouble.

Her commander refuses to leave, unless he has instructions from St. Petersburg, and the Chinese authorities now see malafide to apply force.

Some light is thrown on the situation by a Reuter special telegram from Tokio:

"According to information from a trustworthy source, after the Chinese Government had issued instructions ordering the Mandjur to leave the Russian Minister contrived to win over certain of the Chinese dignitaries and to intimidate the Pekin Government, causing it to cancel the instructions sent to the Shanghai Tao-tai. The Mandjur was to leave port. The Japanese Government considers this action of the Pekin Government to be a violation of China's neutrality, and steps are being taken accordingly."

According to a Reuter Shanghai telegram, however, two Chinese cruisers from the Yangtze, built by Armstrongs, are expected there to-day to support the Chinese authorities in settling the question of the Mandjur's refusal to leave.

**DIARY OF THE WAR.**

Feb. 5.—Japan sends her Note breaking off negotiations.

Feb. 7.—News published in St. Petersburg and London. Feb. 8.—Russia has the first shot, the Korietz firing on Jameson, the English Consul.

At midnight the Japanese made a torpedo attack at Port Arthur, disabling three Russian warships.

Feb. 9.—Naval battle off Port Arthur; four Russian ships disabled.

Feb. 10.—A fierce battle between Japanese squadron and Russian ships. Yating and Korietz of Chemulpho, both Russians sunk.

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Jan. 29.—Russia occupies Seoul, the capital of Korea.

Feb. 10.—Russia issues proclamation promising Japan chancery for her "treachery."

Feb. 11.—Bridge on Manchurian Railway reported blown up.

**ENGLAND THE READY.****NAVAL AUTHORITIES EQUAL TO ANY TASK.****GERMANY'S DESIGNS?**

"If Britain is not forearmed for the worst she is certainly forewarned," said one of the highest authorities on naval matters in the country yesterday. "The present situation is so dangerous that it cannot be overlooked. European complications have not been so imminent for several generations as they are to-day. The Powers are walking on very thin ice indeed; and it will not be Germany's fault if France and England are not dragged into the Far Eastern conflict."

"Germany has everything to win and nothing to lose by these great naval neighbours going to war. But I am not pessimistic. England is equal to the task of whipping any three Powers at sea; that is, if Russia were one of the trio, the Tsar's Navy being now in a very lame state, thanks to the promptitude of Japan in getting to work while Russia bluffed and blundered."

Even the more fortunate turn of events left him apprehensive of complications, the possibility of which must be born in mind day and night while the Russo-Japanese war lasts.

"America is alive to the precarious nature of the position. I know an eminent writer on naval questions in London who has been offered an almost fabulous price by a New York paper for a series of articles on the designs of Germany."

"But he declined the tempting offer on purely patriotic grounds, fearing lest by writing his constrictive opinions under his own name he might fan the flame of international strife."

"That is pretty much how we all feel towards an interviewer to-day. If the Kaiser gave publicity to the contents of his private letter to the Tsar, it might clear the air. But the Kaiser is not always outspoken."

"Another authority, who has hitherto been a severe critic of the British Navy—"for the Navy's good," as he explains—had an unexpectedly cheerful statement to make. Coming from him it carried additional weight.

"If you ask my candid opinion, I must say that our Navy is quite up to the recognised standard of supremacy equal to any other two fleets in the world, and something over. This is true numerically. It is also true in the important matter of efficiency."

"If the Channel became a cockpit it would mean such a smashing of navies as makes one's sense replete to contemplate. But I do not believe France could be foisted into fighting England. I never heard an Englishman speak evil of the French, or a Frenchman of the English. Have you?"

**RUSSIAN HERO'S END.****This is How One Dies When One has Luck.**

The awful fate of the Russian mining ship Veneset, which was blown up by a mine at Dalny Harbour, is interestingly described in a telegram from Harbin.

Commander Stepanoff of the Veneset was a specimen of exceptional distinction, and only forty-two years of age. Seeing that his ship had come into contact with its own mines, and that the danger was imminent, he ordered the crew to abandon the vessel and to take to the boats.

On the men refusing to do so Commander Stepanoff drew his revolver and threatened the sailors who would blow their brains out if they did not make their escape at once. Under this compulsion the men began to get into the boats, but the ship sank immediately, taking down with her ninety of her crew, including two officers.

Commander Stepanoff's last words before going under were: "This is how one dies when one has luck."

ANOTHER RUSSIAN BOAT BLOWN UP.

WEI-HAI-WEI, Monday.

The British (?) steamer Ching-ping, which arrived here from Dalny, reports that she was fired upon by the Russians and was hit in seven places about the waterline.

A Russian pilot boat coming out from Dalny to pick her was blown up by a mine.—Reuter.

**RUSSIAN THIRST FOR NEWS.**

Travellers arriving from the provinces (says says Reuter's St. Petersburg correspondent) have imminent interesting stories to tell showing the extent to which the minds of all have become obsessed by the war with Japan.

At every station where there is a bookstall a dense crowd throngs the platform, and not infrequently peasants come on foot from the villages in order to buy "The Little Paper." No sooner are the papers taken out of the mail van than a swarm of eager purchasers hurls itself on the packages. It often happens that the papers are torn to pieces as a result of the competition to possess them.

Father John of Kronstadt (the famous priest who is reputed to be able to perform miracles) is said to have blessed the troops for a war which will last twenty-five years, and will be terribly sanguinary.

Britain Against the Continent.

A Swedish diplomatist, speaking of a possible Continental alliance against Great Britain, says there is really something at work. Russian diplomats are preparing to respect the neutrality and administrative entity of China generally, but that neutrality could in no case be extended to Manchuria, which territory would, by the force of events, serve as a field of military operations. Russia is willing to adhere to an understanding for safeguarding the neutrality of China provided China strictly observes.

China to be Respected.

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**WAR FLASHES.****Short News From All Over the World.****BY POST AND CABLE.**

The latest Russian term of abuse for the Japanese is "Karlilik" (dwarfs).

General Sakharoff has been officially appointed Russian Minister of War ad interim.

Russia, in a note to the Powers, charges Japan with violations of the laws of nations at Port Arthur and Chemulpho.

Preparations, it is stated, are being made for the reorganisation of the Russian Ministry of War on the lines of that of Germany.

Very large consignments of revolvers and pistols are now being sent from Liege to St. Petersburg and Moscow for transmission to the Far East.

In the last war of Japan against China, the Empress herself, who is president of the Red Cross Society, prepared lint and bandages for the wounded with her own hands.

Patriotic fervour in Russia is increasing every day. The Red Cross Society has received more than £1,800,000 in contributions, and the subscription in aid of the Navy amount to more than £1,200,000.

A great deal of popular enthusiasm has been aroused in Japan by the action of the Empress in insisting on a reduction in the numbers of her bodyguard, and ordering the officers to resign their commission.

Councillor of State Bezobrazoff, whose assurances that Japan would not dare to wage war against Russia lulled the Emperor into a false security, has asked to be received in audience, but his Majesty has indignantly refused to see him.

The career of General Kropatkin, the new Russian Commander-in-Chief, is often cited in Russia as proving the possibility of a man rising in the humblest ranks of the people to the highest posts, as the new Commander-in-Chief's father was a tailor.

The Japanese have many poetic names for their country, like "Nest of the Sun," "Between Heaven and Earth," "Southern Country of Brave Warriors," "Country of Peaceful Shores," "Country Ruled by the Slender Sword," "Land of Great Gentlemen," etc.

The dismemberment methods of the Japanese at Chemulpho have excited great admiration. British officials state that they are an improvement on anything in their experience, and believe that they demonstrate an organisation superior to that of any European Power.

Admiral Stark, disgraced by the Russian naval disaster at Port Arthur, is said to have lately shown signs of mental failure. One section of public opinion in Russia discredits the report and believes that he has been made the scapegoat for a higher personage.

"Both because we are cosmopolites, and because we are Americans, our sympathy for Japan is something more than hysteria, something more than favouring the smaller dog in the fight, something more than the idle cheering of the tap here cause his gallant bearing has tickled our fancy and engaged our admiration."—American Globe.

The Japanese are gaining the affection of the Koreans, by whom they are intensely disliked. The purchase of all available ponies and supplies is going in great influx of money, combined with the admirable behaviour of the troops, is causing a disappearance of the old animosity, and the Korean Japanese are not expected to interfere with the Japanese.

This is Patriotism.

The sacrifices being made by all classes in Japan are illustrated by the offer of the wealthy merchant Mr. Okura, whose firm has a branch in London, to sell his collection of Japanese and Chinese art treasures, which has taken him thirty years to get together. The collection is especially rich in images of Buddha, dating back 1,300 years.

Mr. Okura is inclined to let the collection go to England or America for £200,000, which he would hand over to the War Fund.

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In the Commons the House went into Committee of Supply on the Supplementary Naval Estimates amounting to £1,270,000.—(Page 15.)

The Prince and Princess of Wales pay a visit to Battersea Polytechnic this evening. Arrangements have been made in the borough to accord the distinguished guests a fitting welcome.—(Page 13.)

The master of a fishing smack has brought to La Rochelle a bottle picked up at sea and believed to be a relic of the lost French transport Vienne.—(Page 11.)

In an action for alleged libel that came before the High Court yesterday it was stated that the parties had long been friends and had attended the same place of worship. Some amusing evidence was given, judgment being subsequently entered for defendant.—(Page 6.)

The body of a young lady named Lovell has been found floating in the lake at Spyke Park, in the New Forest. Death was due to drowning, and it is not known how Miss Lovell got into the water.—(Page 4.)

The appeal of Lady Granville Gordon against Sir Francis Jeune's order directing the payment of costs in her husband's divorce suit out of her separate estate was allowed.—(Page 6.)

The Godalming action for slander ended in the jury returning a verdict for Miss Dale, the damages being assessed at £75.—(Page 6.)

A shocking colliery accident, due to the breaking of winding gear, occurred at the Aldwarke Main Colliery, Rotherham, yesterday. Eight men were thrown a distance of 80ft. down the shaft, and with one exception all received fatal injuries.—(Page 4.)

A Bill that will come before Parliament at an early date suggests the provision of cottage homes for the aged and destitute poor instead of the workhouse.—(Page 15.)

The Lord Mayor of Leeds calls attention to the fact that the Art Gallery is used almost solely by visiting couples. A similar state of things has noted in the National Gallery.—(Page 4.)

The affairs of the Dowager Countess of Rosslyn were again before the London Bankruptcy Court yesterday, and adjourned till April 12, it being stated that the Countess was too unwell to attend for public examination.—(Page 6.)

At the meeting of the Actors' Association the possibility of forming a trade union to insist on managers only engaging actors and actresses who were members of that body was discussed.—(Page 3.)

At a meeting of the creditors of Mr. John Lockie, M.P., at Newcastle, the debtor's statement of affairs showed gross liabilities amounting to £241,912, and expected to rank at £141,630. The debtor attributed his insolvency to bad trade and losses sustained in companies.—(Page 15.)

The engagement is announced of Lady Muriel Gordon-Lennox, third daughter of the Duke of Culloden, to Mr. Beckwith, an officer of the Coldstream Guards.—(Page 5.)

The London Show of the Shire Horse Society, which opened yesterday at Islington, is, so far, the largest of any. His Majesty the King is among the exhibitors.—(Page 11.)

Two men, named Johnson and Wright, were at Clerkenwell Sessions, yesterday, sentenced to penal servitude for burglary at a Holborn jewellers.—(Page 6.)

The three persons charged in connection with the alleged plotted burglary at a Fulham hotel were at West London Police Court committed for trial.—(Page 6.)

Racing at Birmingham was carried on in fine weather and before a big attendance. Palmerston won the Great Warwickshire Steeplechase.—(Page 14.)

Rather than face the ordeal of a leap year probably a short number of bachelors have decided to take a short holiday abroad extending till after February 29.—(Page 11.)

A number of letters have been received from correspondents who complain that men are the most extravagant in the matter of dress.—(Page 11.)

On the Stock Exchange business varied considerably. Home Railway stocks were inclined to harden, but there was not much enthusiasm shown in the way of buying.—(Page 15.)

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## PLUCK FINDS A WAY THROUGH.



Great doubts have been expressed as to the Japanese cavalry, but so far the dispatch riders who have come in contact with the Cossack raiders on the south side of the Yalu River have shown themselves well worthy of praise. Probably their pluck and dash are the secrets of their success, rather than their horsemanship.

## ACTORS' ASSOCIATION MEETING.

At the New Theatre yesterday afternoon was held the 13th annual general meeting of the Actors' Association.

Mr. H. B. Irving was in the chair, and opened the proceedings with an amusing speech.

One of the questions raised at the meeting concerned the possibility of forming a trade union which would insist on managers only engaging actors and actresses who were members of the Association.

The scheme of a union as put forward by Mr. Granville Barker sounded delightfully Utopian and practicable, but not all the members present agreed that it was so.

There was a large audience present as well as a representative gathering on the stage, including Mr. George Alexander, Mr. Cyril Maude, Mr. Brandon Thomas, Mr. Martin Harvey, Mr. H. V. Esmond, and Mr. Lionel Brough.

## LETHAL HATPINS.

The "stiletto hatpin" is a misnomer. It is not meant as a feminine weapon, but arises from an attempt to put a little more elaborately-decorated hatpin than those now in use upon the market. But they are no more stiletto hatpins, said an importer to a *Daily Illustrated Mirror* representative, than any other of their predecessors.

"I doubt," said another dealer, "whether we dare sell any such weapon as a stiletto. The present hatpin is quite murderous enough if any woman chooses to use it. I sell hatpins of all kinds. Some are, or could be made, more dangerous as a weapon of self-defence than others."

"I have seen a new pattern of hatpin," said a traveller in millinery, "but it did not strike me that it was intended for a stiletto first and a hat securer afterwards. It is a German-made thing, and so far I have been able to do practically nothing with it. But I certainly do not offer it as a stiletto; neither would I. It would be about as popular in this country as a swordsick."

## SHOP ASSISTANTS' "DOSSIERS."

One would scarcely have thought that grocers' assistants were any more prone to peculation than any other class, or that prior to being entrusted with the control of their masters' goods and cash their antecedents should be examined from a record obtained and maintained by the police. Yet it is alleged that the Head-Constable of Brighton has gravely submitted such a suggestion to the local Grocers' Association, who, in turn, have laid it before the Parliamentary Committee of the National Federation of Grocers.

There are a quarter of a million grocers' assistants in this country, including twelve thousand in London alone, and they have risen in strict protest against what they describe as a "preposterous movement."

Widespread has been the outcry raised, and so strong the disapproval, that it is feared in some quarters a crisis might result between masters and men.

## MUCH NEWS IN FEW WORDS.

Interesting and Curious Happenings from Many Sources.

The chairman of the Surrey County Council states that the County Debt now amounts to £337,000. As the council expect a difficulty in placing their stock in future at a reasonable rate through the ordinary channels, they hope to make arrangements to popularise the stock among small investors, friendly societies, and clubs in the county.

In the course of an address Baron Speck von Sternburg, the German Ambassador to the United States, complimented America on inviting the Powers to act in concert so as to preserve the integrity of China, and in this way to prevent a conflagration, the limits of which no human mind could foretell.

Mr. Benn stated at yesterday's meeting of the London County Council that the average receipts per car mile for the electric trams had amounted to 12.21d. More than that would be required to make up the terribly bad year they had experienced. The estimate was 12d. per car mile.

The change in the wind has rendered the weather at Dungeness favourable for salvage operations on the stranded steamer Lake Michigan, and it is now hoped she may be saved. The cattle have been safely transhipped on the steamship Claud Hamilton.

In aid of lifeboat work the City of London last year raised the sum of £7,000. At the meeting of the London branch of the Royal National Life-boat Institution held yesterday it was stated that the income of the latter fell £20,000 a year short of the requirements.

A company of the 157th French Regiment while manoeuvring on the Alps, five hours' march from Barcelonnette, yesterday was overtaken by an avalanche of snow. Nineteen men were carried away and six of them killed. Only three bodies have up to the present been recovered.

Walter Saunders, of Glenthorne-street, East Greenwich, had a disagreement with his sweetheart, and committed suicide yesterday by attaching one end of a rubber pipe to a gas-bracket and taking the other to bed with him.

M. de Nielodoff, with the staff of the Russian Legion, was the centre of attraction (says Reuter's Paris correspondent) at a ball given by the President of the Republic and Mme. Loubet on Monday night.

"No drinks between meals" is a pledge which has been signed by a publican and his wife in the North of England, who write: "Although we have a lot of temptations, being in 'the trade,' we have made up our minds to try and keep this pledge."

At Genoa yesterday the British mercantile community approved a scheme for establishing a British Chamber of Commerce. A guarantee fund of £200 was subscribed and forty-seven members enrolled, making 120 for the whole of Italy.

Burglars again effected an entrance into the premises of the Abyssinian Gold Company in the Strand yesterday morning by breaking through the adjoining premises. They got away with a quantity of jewellery.

A curious petition comes before the Court of Common Council to-morrow from Miss E. E. Jones, asking for £115 to purchase graves for poor parishioners of Bethnal Green who dislike a common pauper grave.

John MacDonald, an engineer, who, while drowsy with drink, seized his eight-year-old daughter by the legs and knocked her brains out on the floor, was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude at Glasgow yesterday for culpable homicide.

The "London Gazette" states that the King has appointed Major-General the Hon. Sir Reginald Arthur James Talbot, K.C.B., to be Governor of the States of Victoria and its dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Bank of England yesterday, the Hon. S. Carr Glyn mentioned that their Khartoum branch was offered recently a consignment of giraffes, which they were compelled to decline.

The Princess of Wales will open St. Paul's Girls' School, Brook-green, Hammersmith, on Wednesday, March 23, at 3.30 p.m. The Prince of Wales will accompany her Royal Highness on the occasion.

For the vacancy in the Normanton Division of Yorkshire, Mr. William Parrott (Labour and Liberal) and Mr. Marcus Robert Phipps Dorman (Conservative) were nominated yesterday.

It is announced at Berlin that exhaustive trials of the new German recoil-gun, built at Spandau, have proved entirely satisfactory, and the weapon is suitable for warfare.

The American cruiser New Orleans and the gun-boat Wilmington have been recalled from China; their presence there might be resented by the belligerents.

The American transports Sumner and MacClellan will leave New York as soon as possible with a regiment of infantry to relieve the marines at present stationed at Panama.

The Imperial yacht Hohenzollern passed through the Kaiser Wilhelm Canal yesterday on her way to Malta, where the German Emperor will join her on a date not yet fixed.

Ammunition returned from South Africa is to be used in double allowance until exhausted for field practice by regular troops at home. Special care is to be exercised in its use.

The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company yesterday announced they would place an order for a turbine steamer.

Training ships for poor-law boys were strongly advocated by Mr. Walter Long, M.P., yesterday at the Poor-law Conference in the Guildhall.

A movement is on foot in the City to establish a separate education committee for the ancient square-mile territory.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a warrant and gold medal for Mr. F. O. Osborne, master of the British steamship

Heathglen, of London, which have been awarded to him by his Majesty the King of Portugal in recognition of his services in rescuing two Portuguese fishermen in the Bay of Rio on the 9th of August last.

The City Corporation seldom allow an opportunity to pass of indulging in civic ceremony. The next will take place at the opening of widened London Bridge.

The death is announced of Commander H. Granville Smith, of H.M.S. Tartar, of apoplexy, on board ship in Freetown Harbour, West Africa.

Before war was declared the British and Foreign Bible Society was given permission to distribute the Scriptures among the Japanese soldiers going

## MYSTERIOUS DROWNING.

Colonel's Daughter Found Dead in a Lake.

For some little time past Miss Lovell, daughter of Colonel Lovell, of the New Forest, and a cousin of the Duke of Beaufort, has been staying at Spyke Park, near Chippingham, as the guest of Captain and Lady Margaret Spicer.

Miss Lovell had been in somewhat weak health, and was in the habit of strolling about the park, frequently unaccompanied.

On Monday afternoon she left the Hall as usual, and there was nothing in her manner or appearance to attract special attention.

The hour for dinner arrived, however, without her putting in an appearance, and after a little while her absence gave rise to alarm. It was decided to institute a search, and parties were sent out into the park, every portion of which was covered without traces of the missing lady being discovered.

## COLLIERY ACCIDENT.

Winding-Gear Breaks and Kills Seven Men Yesterday.

A terrible accident occurred yesterday morning at the Aldwarke Main Colliery, Rotherham, resulting in the death of seven men.

Some hundreds of miners were being taken down into the pit, and when the third contingent were being lowered the winding rope broke when the cage was about eighty yards from the bottom. Eight men were precipitated down the shaft, of whom five were killed immediately, and the other three men were brought up as speedily as possible and conveyed to hospital, but a few hours later succumbed to their terrible injuries.

All the killed were married. The other man, who was unmarried, is lying in a serious condition, but hopes are entertained of his recovery. The shaft is 405 yards deep, and is not now used

## AN EXCITING MOMENT FOR LORD ROSEBURY'S SON.



While a savage bull was being taken from a train at Rotto station it escaped in a state of frenzy to Dalmeny Park, where it was eventually shot by Lord Dalmeny. The bull twice charged down a narrow lane at Lord Dalmeny, who escaped each time; at a third charge he shot the maddened beast through the heart.

into active service. Fifty thousand special Japanese Gospels and 5,000 Japanese Testaments were immediately prepared.

Mr. Joseph Hutchinson was yesterday installed as Lord Mayor of the city of Dublin.

## CUPID'S BOWER.

Art Galleries the Most Popular Trysts for Lovers.

Leeds is becoming a city to which the rest of the world looks for instructions on the affairs of Cupid.

Not content with establishing a criterion of loveliness by means of its beauty-shows, it has provided an elaborate art gallery, which, according to the Lord Mayor, is an ideal place where young couples can rely upon perfect solitude for their love-making.

He also said that the public show a remarkable avoidance of the gallery, which can only be put down to the nice feeling of the public.

The London people show the same delicacy, as may be noticed any day by a walk through the National Gallery. No place in London is so much in request—except it be the British Museum—as a rendezvous for amorous youths. They sit in silent adoration of each other hour after hour, and are perfectly oblivious to the presence of the few people who wander around while they wait the arrival of overdue trains at Charing Cross.

## ACCIDENTS ON MUNICIPAL TRAMWAYS.

A recent decision by Mr. Justice Channell on a point of law has been taken to mean that municipal authorities are exempt under the Public Authorities Protection Act from liability for accidents on their tramway systems.

The Public Authorities Protection Act merely imposes a limit within which legal proceedings must be initiated, and confers no further immunity whatever.

In the case in point the London County Council successfully pleaded that a claim for compensation had been brought too late, as seven months had elapsed since the accident.

The effort to find her was continued throughout the night until three o'clock yesterday morning, when it was decided to wait until daybreak.

When the search was resumed the lake in front of the Hall was visited, and about eight o'clock the dead body of the young lady was found floating in the water in that portion set apart for bathing, and only a short distance from the Hall. A walking-stick used by Miss Lovell, and also her gloves, were discovered on the bank of the lake.

The body had apparently been in the water for some hours, and it was immediately removed to the Hall. The members of the family were promptly informed of the sad occurrence, and several of them reached the Hall in the course of a few hours.

Miss Lovell, who was between thirty-five and forty years of age, had been the constant companion of Lady Spicer during her visit to Spyke Hall, and had joined in the hunting parties and other outdoor sports with evident enjoyment.

It is said that in order to get to that part of the lake in which the body was found anyone would have to leave the ordinary footpath. A letter is also stated to have been left at the Hall by the deceased, which may be utilised at the inquest to throw some light on the tragedy.

## SHE SAW QUEEN CAROLINE.

Mrs. Bernard Carroll, of Shaftesbury-road, Richmond, was one of the then society girls who went, years ago, to pay her addresses to the unfortunate Queen Caroline when George IV. treated her in such an audacious manner.

Mrs. Carroll was a beauty in her time, and she was one of the gay and festive young ladies who attended the festival in honour of our present King.

Mrs. Carroll was present at the wedding of the late Duke of Teck to Princess Mary of Cambridge.

Last evening the venerable lady passed the borderland at the ripe age of ninety-seven, and thus ends a life spent in strivings always to lighten the burden of others.

The descendants of this fine old lady—who rightly claimed to be the oldest resident in the historic and royal borough—number thirty, made up of six children, twelve grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

The Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum managers will send thirty consumptive cases to country and seaside convalescent homes for treatment.

for drawing coal, but only for raising and lowering the men. Pitiful scenes were witnessed at the pit-head as the bodies were being brought up.

## PROTECTING THE PUDDING.

At Westminster Police Court yesterday James Hayward, grocer, in business at Arthur-street, Chelsea, was charged with assaulting his wife, who asked for a separation.

On the afternoon of Sunday week a Christmas pudding was put on the table at dinner-time.



LORD DALMENY.  
Lord Rosebery's hair, he had an exciting adventure with a mad bull which he shot in Dalmeny Park.

Hayward, pointing to a large piece of the pudding he wanted to eat, said: "I wanted to take it away in his pocket for another reason."

Mrs. Hayward indignantly declared that no woman in the family circle should have暴力对待 pudding. Her husband then struck her violently on the chest and blackened one of her eyes.

The magistrate convicted Hayward of the assault, ordering him a day's imprisonment, and granted the wife a judicial separation.

## THE SULTAN LAYS A TRAP.



Turkey is doing her best to trap Bulgaria into war while Russia is busy in the Far East. Turkish troops are being concentrated on the Bulgarian borders, and artillery and war materials are being hurried forward in quantities. Even the roads are being specially prepared for the transit of heavy guns.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE.

The engagement announced yesterday of Lady Muriel Gordon-Lennox to Mr. Beckwith, of the Coldstream Guards, was not altogether a surprise, as it had been rumoured for some time past.

Lady Muriel, who is the third daughter of the Duke of Richmond, only recently "came out." She is exceedingly pretty, with masses of lovely golden hair, deep blue eyes, and the proverbial rose-leaf complexion. Though slender and not very tall, she adds a good deal to her height by her admirable carriage, which is doubtless due to the fact that all her life she had been devoted to exercise of all kinds; she is an admirable whip, and a good horsewoman.

Lennox, and her younger sister, Lady Helen Gordon-Lennox, have been their father's constant companion since the death of their mother, and it used to be the prettiest sight to see the Duke of Richmond walking about with a fairy-like fair-haired little daughter on either side of him.

At Goodwood House, his Sussex seat, among many other lovely pictures, hangs that of the famous Miss Stewart, who is said to have been the original of the picture of Britannia on our coinage, and this picture is a particular favourite with all the family.

## Unionist by Fluke.

It is curious to remember that Mr. W. F. D. Smith, who was on Monday re-elected president of the Unionists in the House of Commons, belongs to his party chiefly by a fluke.

Like many other people, his politics are those of his father. The founder of the great firm of W. H. Smith and Son was a Liberal, and as such anxious to belong to the Reform Club. His name came up for election and was black-balled, presumably because he was in trade. This so enraged him that he allowed himself to be proposed

for the Carlton, was elected, and changed his politics.

His son, who is a partner in the famous firm, adds to many distinctions that of being an ardent motorist, and owns a fine stud of cars. He is M.P. for the Strand.

## A Clever Gardener.

It is Lord Redesdale's birthday to-day, a most interesting man with a most interesting history. His early life was spent in the Diplomatic Service, and as an attaché he spent several years in the Land of Flowers, about which he has written some charming books, one of them well known and the earliest being "Tales of Old Japan." Lord Redesdale's great hobby is landscape gardening, and when he was secretary to the Board of Works he designed and laid out that lovely little piece of water and rockery between the Albert Gate and the Serpentine which is one of the charms of Hyde Park. His own home, Batsford Park, is one of the most beautiful places in England. Every natural beauty of rock or hill has been taken advantage of, to produce that apparently spontaneous effect which is the highest possibility of art. A waterfall has even been manufactured in a little stream which flows through the grounds; and, connected with its origin, a funny story is told:

Lord Redesdale took an old farmer to see the improvement; he scratched his head and said, after a pause of reflection, "I'll look still better, my lord, when all them rocks are cleared away." Lord Redesdale married Lady Clementine Ogilvy, one of "the bonny house of Airlie," and they have quite a large family of sons and daughters.

## A Ghost-Haunted Castle.

Lord Muskerry, who has recently had something to say in the House of Lords about the suspension of the Irish Land Acts, has always identified himself very keenly with the politics of his country. Once in the Navy, and still devoted to life on the ocean wave, the grievances connected with the merchant service have constantly been his theme; he considers it almost as important for our protection as the Navy itself, and for a long time he was a most energetic member of the Merchant Service Guild at Liverpool. Lord Muskerry is the fortunate possessor of a genuine old stronghold in Ireland—ghost-haunted, with a moat, portcullis, and dungeon—everything that a bona-fide castle should have. The walls are also so immensely thick that, at the ball given a few years ago to celebrate the coming of age of his eldest son, the music of the band could not be heard outside. At Springfield, where he constantly resides (no one

can call him an absentee landlord), Lord Muskerry pursues his two favourite hobbies—astronomy and chemistry. There are collected, by successive generations, a horde of lovely art treasures and beautiful pictures, including portraits by Sir Joshua Reynolds and Sir Peter Lely.

## "C. A. P."

It would be fitting to pass over the birth-day of Mr. Cyril Arthur Pearson, one of the forces of the newspaper world. He is at the present day one of the busiest men in England; like radium, he seems to have discovered the secret of perpetual motion. His days, as Alfred the Great's were a few hundred years ago, are all planned out beforehand, so that everything goes like clock-work and no time is wasted of the precious twenty-four hours. Besides the prominent London papers and magazines associated with his name, he works other large country journals, all under his active superintendence; and lately, as a man keenly interested in politics, he has been at the head of the Tariff Reform League, and is constantly presiding at meetings for the discussion of that all-absorbing subject. It is not perhaps generally known that the title of "M. A. P." was the brilliant inspiration of Mr. Pearson, only that the initials chosen by him first were C. A. P.—chiefly about people.

## Married Men Object to Beards.

The gay world of Edinburgh was shaken to its foundations the other day. A well-known woman in society who has presided over several very successful dances for girls wanted to give one more successful still, so she issued invitations for a ball at which all the matrons were to wear black, the unengaged girls pure white, and the engaged girls black and white. The matrons made a little moan, it is true, but all the girls were delighted. Lastly, the men got their invitations, and terror was struck into the hearts of the married ones, for were they not asked to wear beards? And, as if to add insult to injury, it was stated on the invitation cards that these could be hired at 2s. 1d. each at such and such a hairdresser's. Well, the married men struck!

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# YESTERDAY'S LAW AND POLICE.

## EXCLUSIVE VOCABULARY.

After an Instructive Lesson in English, Curtain Falls on Dog-Fight Case.

That interesting dog-fight-sequel slander case Miss Dale v. Mrs. White, the opening of which was reported in the *Daily Illustrated Mirror* in melodramatic form, changed yesterday from a melodrama into an English lesson—a lesson in which "Mrs. White, of Godalming," was the governess, and Mr. McCall, K.C., the pupil.

It is therefore fitting that the close of the case should be recorded, not as the final scene in a society drama, as was at first intended, but rather as a model lesson in the correct use of the King's English.

"Mrs. White, of Godalming," went yesterday into the witness-box, technically not as a lecturer but as defendant in a slander action brought against her by Miss Dale, daughter of an Indian civil servant. Miss Dale had complained that Mrs. White had accused her at Waterloo Terminus of having stolen from her cloak on Godalming platform, before the train which brought them to Waterloo started, a scent-bottle and a bracelet. The charge was complicated by the fact that Miss Dale had come into contact with Mrs. White's cloak, carried by a black servant boy, during a prolonged effort to stop a dog-fight in which Mrs. White's Irish terrier was engaged.

It was while giving her own version of the fight and its aftermath of misunderstanding that Mrs. White administered her English lesson to Mr. McCall.

A "Lady," Not a "Woman."

Was it not a fact, Mr. McCall asked, that Mrs. White, when the train reached Vauxhall, said to the station officials that there was a woman in the next carriage who had stolen her scent-bottle?

This gave Mrs. White her first opportunity. Drawing her stately black-gowned diamond-ornamented figure to its full height she replied, "I never said I suspected a 'woman.' I said I suspected a 'lady.'"

: Looking a little abashed at the correction, Mr. McCall shortly afterwards inquired whether Mrs. White had not asked for a constable to be called.

Mrs. White (stiffly) : I never used the word "constable." (With great dignity.) It is a word I never by chance use.

Mr. McCall (anxiously) : But you do not suggest that the word "constable" is a bad word?

Mrs. White (slowly and impressively) : I never say "constable." I always say "policeman."

In spite of the fact that everybody in court was on the qui vive to glean hints in the art of polite conversation from one whose appearance on Godalming platform caused the station master to run forward to open a first-class door for her, yet everybody in court could not help laughing.

Mrs. White, with a graceful smile, then passed on to another elegance of diction. When she asked for an "inspector," she said she did not mean a policeman; she meant "a gentleman one sees at stations with 'inspector' on his hat."

Closely following on this, Mr. McCall made another faux pas. He insinuated that Mrs. White had said that Miss Dale, after the dog-fight, joined an "accomplice."

Mrs. White : I did not use the word "accomplice." I may have said "friend."

**A Dignified Appellation.**

The moment of Mrs. White's greatest linguistic triumph was now approaching. She was asked what were the "peculiar circumstances," referred to by her in a letter, under which she lost her scent-bottle and bracelet.

"Miss Dale," said Mrs. White, "followed my servant, a black young gentleman, into a retired corner of the station and hustled him."

Mr. Justice Darling (admiringly) : Is that what you call him—a black young gentleman?

Then a happy thought occurred to Mr. Justice Darling. Mrs. White had been asked whether she regarded the black young gentleman as part of the "belongings" which she had said were "interfered with" by Miss Dale.

Mr. Justice Darling : There are no slaves in England now; not even yellow slaves. (Loud laughter.)

Mention of the black young gentleman recalled to Mrs. White's mind a pretty scene that had occurred on Godalming platform after the fight. She described how the Irish terrier stood leaning against the black boy, and how the black boy snatched her cloak on the terrier's back.

"You and Miss Dale tugged your cloak," interrupted Mr. McCall. "I did not say 'tugged,'" corrected Mrs. White. "I probably said 'touched.' I do not know what 'tugged' means. May I have the dictionary to see?"

But as they only keep "Oldgers on Libel" and such-like words in Court III., her request could not be complied with.

It seemed rather ungrateful of the jury when a little later, disregarding Mrs. White's kindness in telling them, through Mr. McCall, how to properly describe things, they recorded a verdict against her, and gave Miss Dale £75 damages.

## ACCIDENT BETRAYS BURGLARS.

Sentences of three and a half and three years' penal servitude were passed upon William Johnson, aged twenty-two, a clerk, and Harry Wright, a dealer, at Clerkenwell Sessions yesterday, for burglarly at a Holborn jeweller's shop.

While they were inside the premises they accidentally knocked down a pair of steps, and this attracted the attention of a police-inspector, who effected their arrest. Had it not been for this accident the burglars would have probably escaped with a thousand pounds' worth of jewellery.

Both men belong to a gang of well-dressed house-breakers from Islington. At Cardiff, on a former occasion, Johnson had worked with other thieves, who slipped up the staircases and rifled bedrooms while he held the barmaids engaged in conversation.

## "SAVE HIS LIFE!"

Cook Charged with Stabbing Her Sweetheart.

At Croydon yesterday Alice Smith, a cook, aged twenty-four, was remanded, charged with the attempted murder of Thomas Gowman, bricklayer, at South Croydon Railway Station on Monday night by stabbing him in the neck with a table-knife.

A railway porter stated that he found the man on the platform at midnight bleeding from a wound in the neck. He said, "I have been stabbed." Just then the woman came up holding a blood-stained table-knife in her hand.

She asked if the man was dead, and when told he was not, exclaimed, "I'll stab him again," at the same time advancing threateningly.

Afterwards she became quieter, and helped to give the man some water.

After she had been arrested, she cried imploringly to the constable, "Come on; do stop the bleeding. I have stabbed him. We were to have been married in a few weeks, and we had a few words. Save his life; do stop the bleeding."

She subsequently told the policeman that Gowman had aggravated her, and that she had stabbed him in Coombe-lane.

Gowman, who is lying in the hospital in a serious condition, is said to have admitted that he aggravated Smith. The woman's attack upon him is attributed to jealousy.

## PUBLIC-HOUSE "PLOT."

At West London Police Court yesterday John George Snelgrove, a public-house manager; Herbert Holder, an electrician; and John Allsop, a carpenter, were charged on remand with breaking into the Greyhound Hotel, Fulham Palace-road.

In this case it is alleged by the prosecution that the accused arranged to burglar the premises. Information was given to the police on a statement

## DOWAGER COUNTESS'S LOSSES.

Stock Exchange Contributes to Her Indebtedness.

At the London Bankruptcy Court yesterday a sitting was held before Mr. Registrar Linklater for the public examination of Blanche Adeliza, Dowager Countess of Rosslyn.

The creditors recently declined to accept the scheme of arrangement put forward on behalf of the Countess, under which the Duke of Sutherland agreed to take over the assets and provide a sum sufficient to pay not less than £2s. in the £, with all costs, and the case went into bankruptcy. Upon the case being called, Mr. Walford asked for an adjournment, inasmuch as the Countess was too unwilling to attend.

The case was then adjourned till April 12.

In his observations on the accounts the principal receiver states that one of the principal causes of



MISS EDITH DALE

has emerged triumphant from the Godalming dog fight slander case, and has been awarded £75 damages.



MRS. WHITE,

Whose small black page-boy, large Irish terrier, and diamond studded scent bottle were the cause of all the trouble at Godalming/station.

the failure appears to be excessive household and personal expenditure. The deficiency account, dating from May, 1900, contains the undermentioned items:

Household expenses, £20,164.

Losses on Stock Exchange transactions, £34,449.

Included in the unsecured indebtedness are the following:

Stock Exchange transactions, £28,402.

Money lent, £11,260.

Furniture and upholstery, £4,762.

Dress and toilet accessories, £2,213.

Law costs, £518.

Jewellery, £202.

Flowers, £95.

## INSPIRED BY A "PENNY HORRIBLE."

A boy named John Pieroth, aged fourteen, living at St. Ann's-road, Kensington, was charged before Mr. Rose at West London Police Court yesterday with being a suspected person.

A park keeper, seeing the boy attempting to enter an unoccupied house in Holland Park, asked him his name. He replied, "I am John Higgins."

As he could not give a satisfactory account of himself the park keeper handed him over to a police officer.

Mr. Oswald Hanson, who defended, said the boy was the son of a respectable tradesman. He was of weak intellect, and lately he had been reading a "penny horrible," the name of the hero in which was John Higgins. The boy fancied he was the hero, Higgins, and on the day in question he, like the hero, sallied forth to search for the "secret cavern," which he hoped to find in Holland Park.

Mr. Rose : He is charged with being a suspected person, but the only thing one can reasonably suspect him of is a weak intellect. He may go.

## FROM THE KING DOWNWARDS.

Yesterday, at Bow-street, Henry le Breton described as a theatrical manager of Kennington Park-road, was charged with obtaining credit by fraud.

Prisoner told the magistrate that since he had been in custody he had sent to the assistant-clerk to the Chief Commissioner of Police, and he had paid the bill. It was, however, stated that the account had not been settled.

Mr. Marsham : Can you find bail?

Prisoner : Oh, yes. I can find hundreds of sureties, from the King and Lord Halsbury downwards. (Laughter.)

The accused's wife informed the magistrate that during the last two months her husband had been very eccentric, and she was afraid he was not quite right in his mind.

The magistrate ordered a remand and directed that the attention of the prison doctor should be allowed.

## DRUNKENNESS NO PROOF OF MEANS.

In support of Lady Granville Gordon against Sir Francis Jeune's order directing the payment of costs in her husband's divorce suit out of her separate estate, came before the Appeal Court again yesterday.

The lordships, after hearing arguments, held that the preliminary objection raised at the last hearing—that the appeal should not be heard, as Lady Gordon had committed contempt of court by taking her child out of the country—had failed, and proceeded with the hearing of the appeal.

Their lordships decided that the appeal must be allowed.

It was announced at yesterday's meeting of the Water Arbitration Court that there would be an addition to the Chelsea award of the sum of £700. The revision was due to a miscalculation as to certain dividends.

## FRIENDS WHO FELL OUT.

"When Unitarians Fall Out  
No One Knows What is  
Going to Happen."

Before Mr. Justice Bruce and a special jury, yesterday, the case of Cowan v. Holding was decided. This was an action brought by Mr. William James Cowan, residing at "Tyndale," Wood Green, against Mr. Henry Bond Holding, of Park Avenue, to recover damages for alleged libel and slander. Defendant denied that he had published certain of the alleged statements, but as to others pleaded privilege and justification.

One of the especially unfortunate features of the case was that the disputants were old friends, and had long been two of the shining lights of the place of worship which they both attended.

Some time ago Mr. James Cowan and Mr. Henry Holding became interested in the same mining companies, as well as in the same shade of politics and the same church, and then a misunderstanding arose about the investment of £300 in options. The result of this misunderstanding was that Mr. Holding, so Mr. Cowan complains, wrote to a local paper to the effect that all was over between them. From thenceforward Mr. Holding would look upon Mr. Cowan as a stranger.

As a consequence of Mr. Holding's repudiation, it was suggested, Mr. Cowan had been turned out of the local council.

The plaintiff (called) said that after the publication of the alleged libel, those with whom he was well acquainted passed him in the streets. He was not invited to attend some meetings, and when he attended meetings people moved away from him—in fact he was sent to Coventry. (Laughter.)

## Did Not Mince Words!

In cross-examination, plaintiff said he did not know that Wood Green was divided into two camps, and that the members of the two camps cut each other.

Mr. Lawson Walton : At a meeting of the council on September 24, did you call the defendant a liar?—I do not know. If I did I should have been using language which I thought was true.

So I gather. (Laughter.) Did the chairman say you to withdraw?—The chairman put it pleasantly that it was desirable to withdraw it. (Laughter.)

Did you say it was an intentional and deliberate lie?—I do not remember, but very likely I did.

And when you refused to withdraw someone else sent said, "I thought the guardians were enough." (Laughter.)

Mr. Joseph Charles Smith, jeweller, stated he had a conversation with the defendant about the local elections which were pending. After expressing regret that plaintiff and defendant were not running together, as in previous years, witness said, "When Unitarians fall out, nobody knows what is going to happen."

At the conclusion of counsel's speech for the defence, the jury intimated that they had made up their minds. Their verdict was for the defendant and judgment was entered accordingly, with costs.

## THE BRIEF BAG.

The Manchester city licensing justices have reduced the number of licences by forty-five.

The Dunkirk Customs authorities, after a sharp encounter with smugglers, have seized a large quantity of tobacco. Several arrests were made.

At a special police court sitting at Northampton yesterday, the fifteen-year-old boy, Burrows, charged with murdering his eleven-year-old sister, was committed for trial.

A Sheerness court martial yesterday sentenced able-seaman Geo. Mills to twelve months' hard labour for assaulting the master-at-arms of H.M.S. Immortalité.

Dr. Waldo, at Southwark Coroner's Court yesterday, advised a mother who said she could not afford a coat for her child to procure an egg-basket.

Mrs. C. Jameson was granted a decree of judicial separation in the Divorce Court yesterday on the ground of the misconduct of her husband, Mr. Francis H. Jameson, stated to be an auctioneer living in Lancaster-gate.

While at tea in a Charing-cross coffee-house, a man named Yates suddenly rushed into the kitchen and, snatching up a carving knife, cut his throat. At Bow-street Police Court yesterday, he was charged with having assaulted the waiter.

A Clapton waterman named Louis Toyer was at North London Police Court remanded on bail in respect of a charge of stealing a motor-launch, value £15, moored in the Lea, and said to have been sent by rail into the Midlands. It was stated the defendant had a complete answer to the charge.

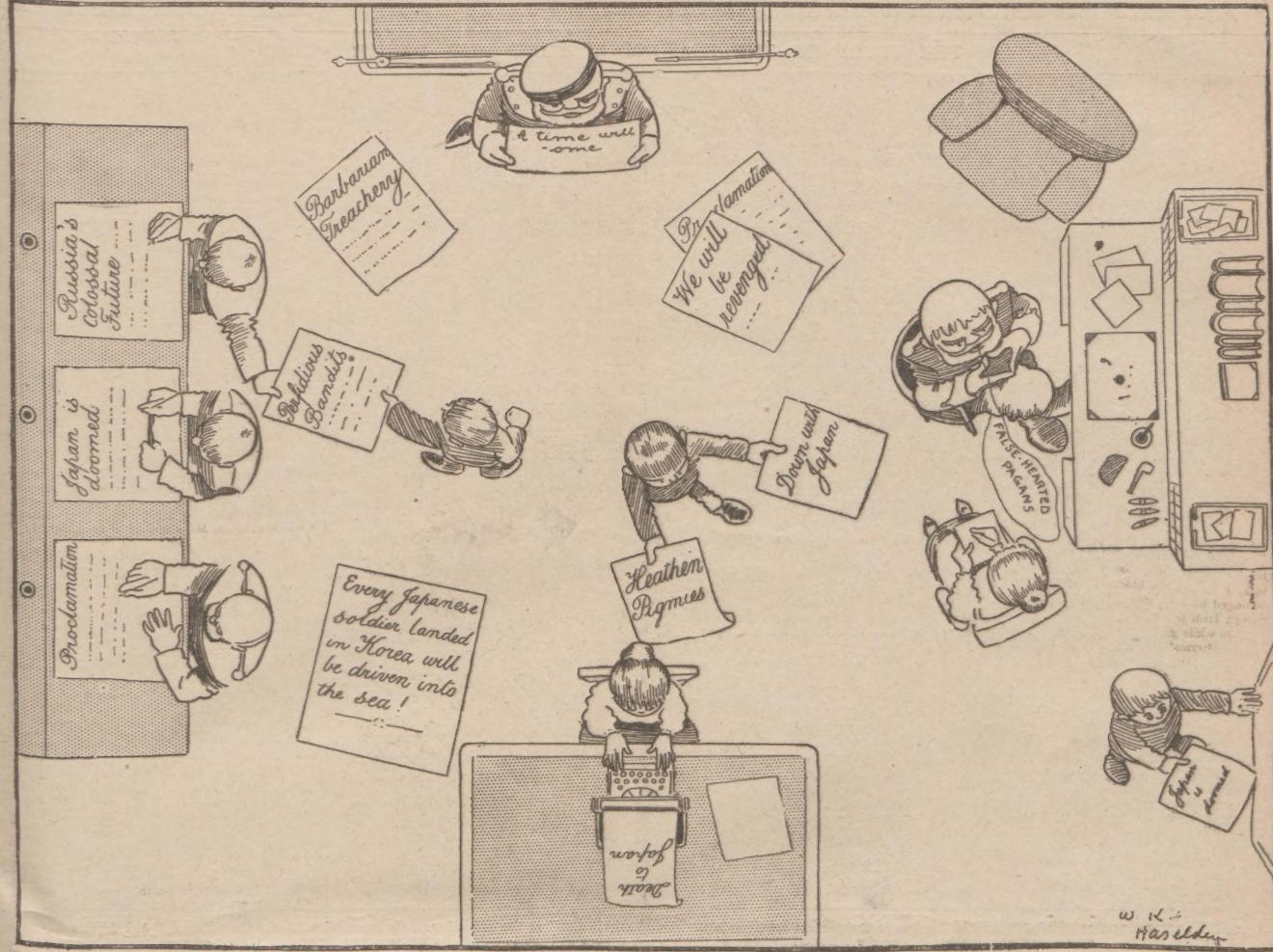
At the Clerkenwell Sessions yesterday, George Harvey, a labourer, was sentenced to six calendar months' imprisonment for stealing two fowls, the property of Lady Augustus Harris, the widow of the late Sir Augustus Harris, from the Empire Avenue-road, St. John's Wood.

Before the City magistrate yesterday, Alfred Cutchell, sixty, and Solomon Isaacs, thirty-two, were brought up for sentence as incorrigible rogues. Isaacs was said to have carried on operations as a thief dressed in female attire. Both received twelve months' hard labour.

Abraham Kaufman, thirty-three, a well-known Covent Garden salesman, was yesterday committed for trial at Bow-street Police Court charged with the abduction of a young girl named Ellen Brickley. Accused, who stoutly denies the charge, was allowed bail.

John Gunn, formerly a private in the 3rd Guards, and Thomas Edward Mills, lance-corporal and orderly-room clerk in the same regiment, were at the South Western Police Court yesterday, each fined £20, or two months' imprisonment in default, for being concerned in uttering a forged character certificate.

## A WAR OF WORDS—THE RUSSIANS AT WORK.



The Russian Generals and Admirals have displayed great activity in writing proclamations against the Japanese. As Mr. Kipling would say, they have been busy killing the Japanese with their mouths, turning out in their bureaus endless typewritten denunciations of the "perfidious," "treacherous," and "barbarian" enemy.

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### AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR.

Now that the War Office has at last been reformed, it is hardly the moment perhaps for dilating upon the mess it has made of things in the past. Many of the incompetents have been turned out (though many remain yet among the permanent officials), and we must give the new system a fair trial. At the same time, it is impossible not to feel that Mr. Lloyd-George is right in his declaration that, if accounts in any counting-house in the kingdom were kept as the War Office has been keeping them, "somebody would have to go."

Well, somebody has had to go in the person of Mr. Brodrick, and it would not be any loss, judging from his performance on Monday, if Mr. Bromley-Davenport were to follow. Mr. Arnold-Forster is on probation, and it would be unfair to prejudice his chances by saying too much about the bad character of his office, which he is trying to redeem. To do this he will have to give us both a better and a cheaper Army system, and now is the time to do it. It will not serve to begin putting things right after we have stumbled into war, and it must not by any means be supposed that the changes lately made in the War Office have brought us any nearer as yet to a state of readiness for anything that may happen.

These changes will make it simpler to introduce necessary reforms, but the reforms must be agreed to by the Army Council before they can be carried out, and they must be in somebody's head before they can be put before the Army Council. If it is nobody's business to think them out, and to make plans

for giving us just the kind of Army we require, we shall some day find ourselves in the position of the Russians, who are, it is now stated, about to reorganise their War Office upon German lines. In consequence of this, and in consequence also of the fact that General Kuropatkin, who is to command the Russian troops in the Far East, has not yet got his plan of campaign ready, it will be months before the Tsar's troops will be in a position to make their great effort.

It may be that Japan, who wisely began the campaign with plans all ready to be put into operation, will be able to bring Russia to her knees before this great effort can be made. A defeat or two on land would add to Russia's troubles at home, for it cannot be supposed that the Russian people will be content for long with "war by proclamation." In that case Russia would probably be compelled to accept any terms she could get. On the other hand, if Russia can keep Japan at bay in Korea, then the war will drag on interminably, and the chances of other Powers being drawn into it will increase.

Either way, it is most necessary for us to decide, first, what we want an Army for, and, secondly, how we can get the Army best suited to our needs at a moderate cost. Until we have done this, we certainly cannot be ready for war.

### BREAKFAST TABLE TALK.

The latest base resort of the Russians is Harbin.

The name of a Russian prisoner at Bow-street is given as Novoshenoff. These gentle aliens generally betray a marked antipathy to soap.

Ping-yang, where fighting is expected shortly, is known as the Willow Capital. The Japanese hope soon to drive the Russians to the boundary.

Mr. Sydney Buxton's kind heart has been bleeding for the Hippodrome plunging elephants, and he has asked the Home Secretary if he intends to take any steps to stop the performance. Mr. Akers-Douglas, it seems, doesn't intend to do anything of the kind,

but perhaps the management will allow Mr. Buxton to take up a position halfway down the chute and do his best to prevent the animals from slipping. As a matter of fact, no force is used in the performance. The elephants are not pushed over by the attendants.

Mr. Parrot, the Liberal candidate for Nantwich, was nominated yesterday. His election cry is believed to be "Your food will cost you more!"

A waiter at a hotel in Chicago has just come into a legacy of £300,000. Evidently there is something in the saying that everything comes to the man who waits.

Gross frauds have been discovered at Port Arthur, some of the sacks which should contain grain being filled with sand. The men take it as an insult, for, whatever his failings, the Russian has plenty of grit.

At last we seem to have found a real remedy for the adulteration of the cheap sweets so dear to the children of the poor. A specialist on such matters declares that there is no profit in this particular form of dishonesty.

The heading "Nice Motor-Car Collision," employed by a contemporary, is apt to be misread at the first glance. The first word refers to the town at which the accident occurred, and not to the fact that no one was seriously injured.

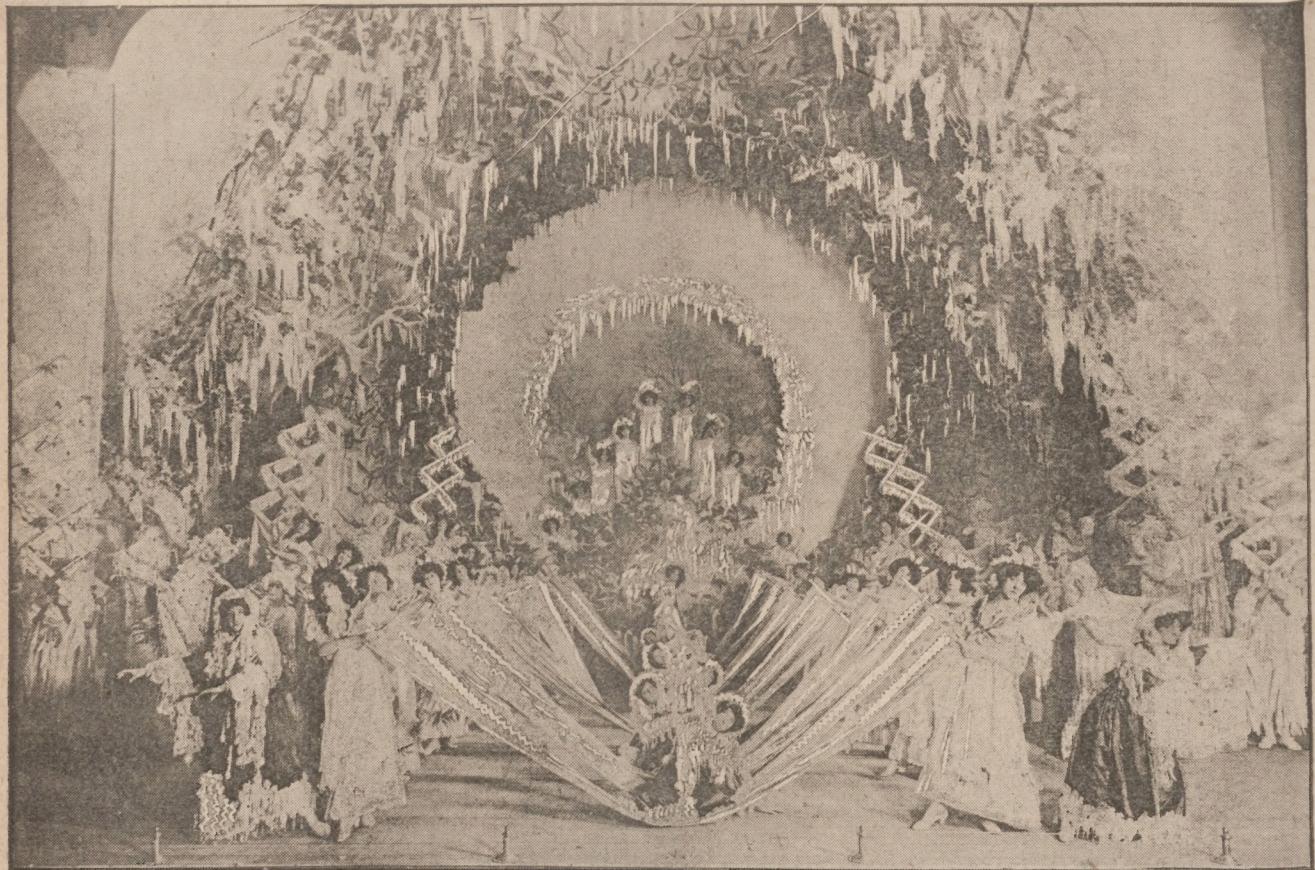
Lieutenant-Colonel Baron Korff has been telling the Engineers' Academy at St. Petersburg that, owing to the nature of the country, Korea presented a very favourable battleground for the Japanese. These sentiments were not popular, and there were loud cries of "Stop that Korff!"

A Pole sentenced to twelve years' penal servitude for stabbing two women at Glasgow begged hard for a capital sentence. He said he simply could not stand such a long sentence as twelve years; he felt it would be the death of him. The judge was unfortunately prevented by the terms of the indictment from granting the prisoner's request.

An American gentleman is coming to this country to convert us to the habit of using "chewing gum." If he will only invent a chewing gum that is not unutterably nasty he may succeed in his mission, but the acquiring of a taste for the genuine American article is only possible to the degraded people who enjoy liquorice.

# THE GUARANTEED CIRCULATION OF "THE DAILY ILLUSTRATED"

THE STORY OF THE SEASONS IN SONG AND DANCE.



One of the most attractive entertainments in London at the present moment is the "long-skirt ballet" at the Alhambra. It is called "All the Year Round," and depicts the sports and amusements during the different seasons of the year in dances and tableaux. This pretty scene represents Winter.

## THE FLOODS NOT YET GONE.



Though the floods in the Thames Valley are subsiding, they are still causing great inconvenience. The railing showing above the water indicates the position of the towing path on one of the river reaches near Windsor. At ordinary times it is many feet above the water.

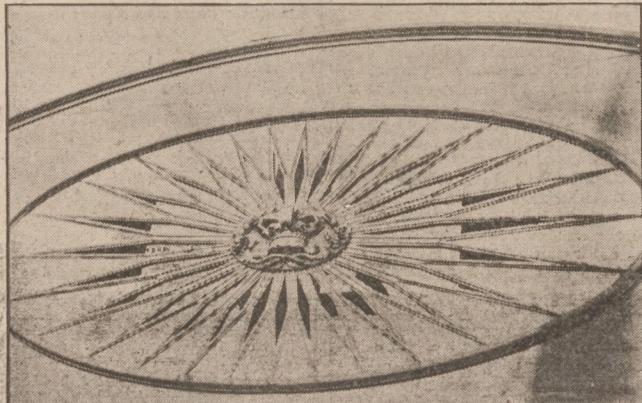


The old royal yacht, the Victoria and Albert, is now in the hands of the shipbreakers at Portsmouth, but curio hunters will be disappointed, as albeit a few of the ornamental parts will be destroyed. During his recent visit to Portsmouth the King indicated the parts he wished preserved. This photograph shows the figure-head, one of the chosen decorations.



There are few subjects so difficult for the camera to portray as a child, but nothing makes so sweet a picture as a pretty child in a pretty pose. In this instance the photographer has been lucky.

## A ROYAL MEMENTO.



One of the decorations of the old royal yacht, the Victoria and Albert, which the King wishes to be preserved when the vessel is destroyed is the ornamental work round the paddle-box.



ADMIRAL MAKAROFF, who is on his way to Port Arthur to supersede Admiral Starck in the command of the fleet. Russian admirers of Admiral Starck say he is only a scapegoat.



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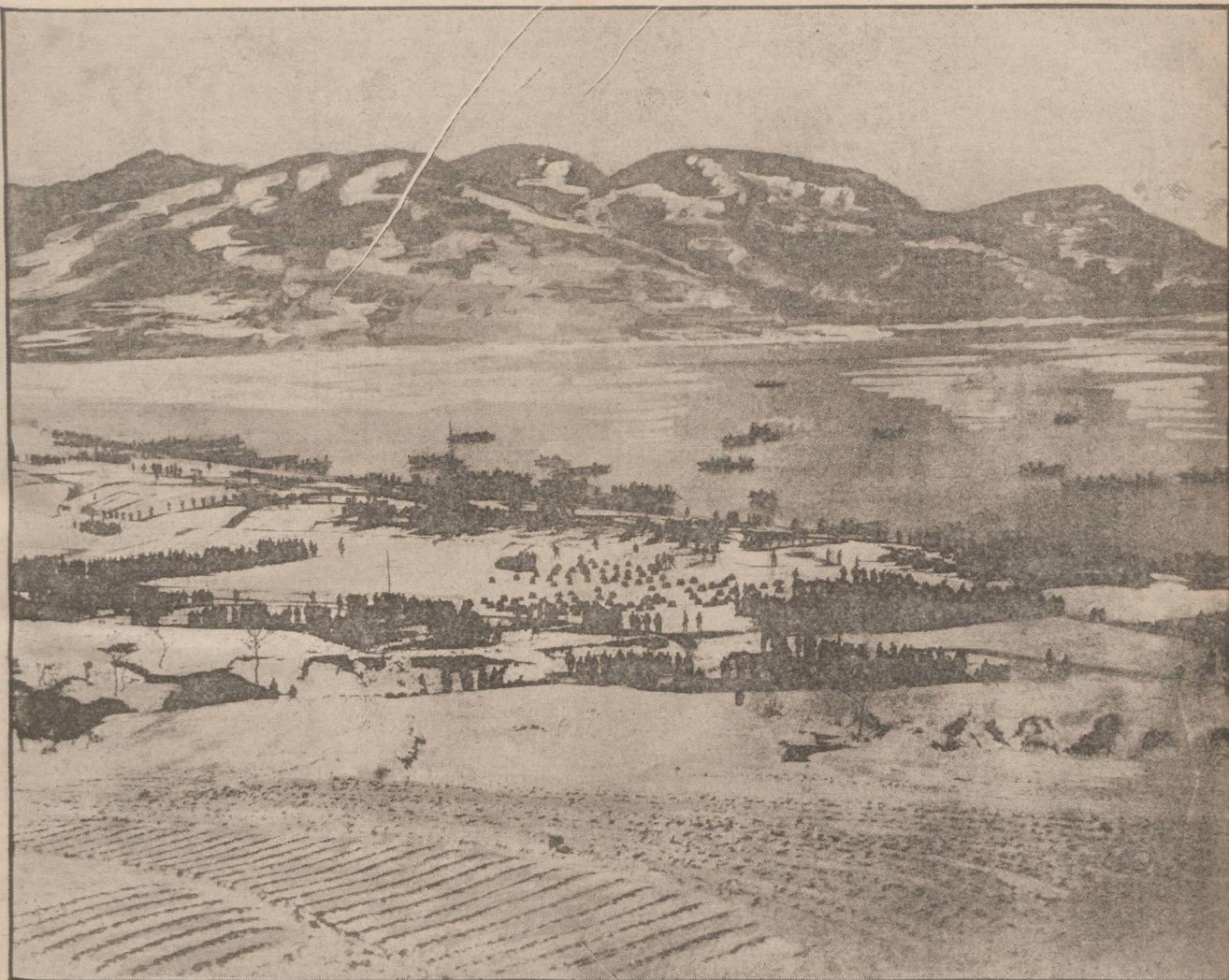
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HOW THE JAPS LANDED IN KOREA.



The splendid organisation of the Japanese military forces has not come as a surprise to those who know their marvellous grasp of detail. The landing of troops at Chemulpho was carried out with a clock-like precision, the men being sent ashore in native boats capable of carrying a large number of men. Troops have also been landed at Masampho and Wonson in the same manner.

OF DOUBTFUL VALUE.



Some military men describe the Russian Cossack Cavalry as splendid troops, brave men, good shots, and marvellous horsemen. Others say that they are worthless, as they cannot be trusted to obey orders.

WAITING TO SEE THE TROOPS GO BY.



The quaint and picturesque little Japanese women are wildly excited over the departure of the troops for the front, and no opportunity is missed of donning their best clothes and giving a send-off to the troops who are on their way to Korea. [Gillard.]

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be destroyed. This  
photograph shows the figure-  
[Crittenden.]

MAKAROFF,  
Port Arthur to supersede  
the command of the fleet.  
Admiral Stark say he is  
scapegoat.

# THE PATH OF THE PRODIGAL.

A Story of the "Never-Never Land."

By Wilson Barrett,

who is appearing this week at the Shakespeare Theatre, Clapham, and will appear next week at the King's Theatre, Hammersmith.

## PERSONS OF THE STORY.

JACK MOWBRAY: Impersonating Jack Landale, his dead bush-chum, at the latter's urgent death-bed request; is in love with Sibyl.

LUCY HEWLEY: His friend and private secretary.

LADY WALGROVE: Jack Landale's mother.

SIBYL: Landale's sister, who regards the false Jack with deep sisterly affection.

NAT: Her friend, and also a great friend of Tom's.

SAL RUDDER: Known as Mrs. Jack Landale, whom she bigamously married.

NAT'S MOTHER: Mrs. Mowbray, passing as her brother for the purpose of blackmailing Mowbray.

LUCY RIDDER: Also called "Smudgee," passed off as Sibyl Landale's child.

RAPHAEL M. WOLFE: A Sydney solicitor, who is standing in with Nat and Sal.

WONG: Mowbray's Chinese servant.

## CHAPTER XXXV. (continued).

This is what Smudgee read:

"Sir,—We must see Mr. John Mowbray again, at Landale Abbey, at 3 p.m. to-morrow. I will be with you at one o'clock sharp, and if it will not seriously inconvenience you, or utterly destroy your constitutions, I shall esteem it a favour if you and Mrs. Landale will keep moderately sober. Your lamentable weakness has probably ruined our chances. Take care! Please be ready to start immediately on my arrival, and if you can contrive to keep sober we may 'redeem' matters yet, and give Mr. John Mowbray a lesson he will never forget.—Yours, etc."

R. M. WOLFE.

Smudgee thought hard for a few moments, then, huddling her head, she put the letter back in the envelope, resealed it, and rang the bell. "Give Mr. Mowbray a lesson he will never forget, will ye, Raffael? Ah, we shall see wot we shall see—shan't we, Moses?" asked Smudgee of the air. The chambermaid entered in answer to the bell.

"And me my 'at, Marier," said Smudgee, pointing to that article of adornment, which was lying with her mantle and gloves upon the bed.

sober enough to remain awake while I am endeavouring to carry it on."

Sal went to her room. It was not a pleasant look that Wolfe gave her as she passed through the door. Nor was the tone of his voice too agreeable as he said,

"A sweet woman; a perfect lady!"

"Don't judge her this morning," pleaded Nat. "Pallis beverides ain't the soothers ter the temper yer may think 'em. I don't feel altogether like a month-old lamb myself. When a party has swalord something' overnight that acts like carbolic acid and niter-glycerine mixed, that party is 'andy likely ter 'ave a temper like a bloomin' cherubin in the morning."

"Pray do not apologise for the lady, but please hasten her preparations, if you can. We must see Mr. Mowbray again this afternoon."

When Jack led Sibyl from the room, after her discovery of the presence of Nat and Sal, he had no means of learning how much the girl had seen, or what she had heard of the conversation that had passed between him and the others. He was far too agitated himself to ask her at that moment. Sibyl, too, was unable to control her agitation, and went to her room without a word.

"What had she heard?" Jack asked himself again and again. That she had even in so small a way come in contact with them was horrible to him. Had she heard Sal say that she was Mrs. Landale? If so, what could he say or do? Deny it? Say that the woman lied? Of what use would that be, when she had her marriage certificate and the evidence of her own brother and the lawyer to prove it? Admit it? Own to the fact that she was Mrs. Landale? Was not that to convict himself of a lie in telling her but a few hours before that he was not married, that when he entered that house he had never known what it was to love? Whichever way he looked he saw nothing but shame and grief for himself and the mother and daughter whom he would gladly have died to save. He could not deny the woman's assertion, and yet, to admit it was mortifying. That drunken virago his wife. Embittered by his marriage with her to live under his roof, side by side with Sibyl and her mother. To come in daily hourly contact with them. No, anything but that. Yet how was he to prevent it? At any cost, the mother and daughter must be spared that degradation. But how? Suppose

"Please do not be so formal, Benn. Call me Jack. Jack Landale now, you know. It used to be Landon in the old bush days. I could not bear Landale then. Now—"

Tom attracted Lady Walgrave's attention in order to divert her for the time from observing Jack's confusion and fear. Jack took immediate advantage of this, and whispered, in an agony of entreaty, to Mr. Benn:

"You will not betray me? I can explain. For her sake, promise me you will not betray me!"

Mr. Benn was as straight as the proverbial die. Naturally, he knew nothing of the compact between Landale and Mowbray, but it was obvious that some deception was being practised upon Lady Walgrave, and he could not consent to be a party to a fraud. He answered:

"I don't know. I shall do what is right."

"It is right for you to be silent," pleaded Jack.

"Is it? I must think it over."

"At least, you will be silent till you have heard my explanation? Promise me that—do, I beg of you?"

Benn liked Jack; esteemed him; believed in him. There was such real grief and horror depicted in the man's face that he felt sorry for his sufferings, however guilty he might prove to be, and he answered, hesitatingly:

"Yes, I'll promise that. Afterwards—well, I will do what is right."

Jack gave a sigh of intense relief. The danger was over for the moment, at least.

"Mother, take Mr. Benn and find Sibyl, will you?" he said, anxious to be alone with Tom.

"Yes. Come with me, please, Mr. Benn. So glad you have met my son—my dear son—again," said Lady Walgrave, giving her hand affectionately to Mr. Benn.

"Ye-es, Lady Walgrave. Delighted," stammered that honest little man. "That is—delighted to meet you, also; delighted." And, confused and much distressed, he left the room with her.

## CHAPTER XXXVI.

## How Jack Explained.

Jack sank into a chair, with a groan saying: "Tom, it must come. Benn will never hide the truth."

"I'm not so sure of that. He's a rattling good fellow, and when he has heard your story—"

Jack broke in hurriedly, saying, "Then, there's Sibyl. She suspects, Tom. She's changed to me since last night, utterly changed."

"So was Lorna, at first, but she's all right now. At least she will be."

"They do not believe your yarn, Tom," said Jack, rising and ringing the bell.

"Well, it was thin. I must own that. I say,

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"Yes, miss," answered the girl, bringing her the hat.

"'Ow d'y'e like this 'at, Marier?" Smudgee quivered a little anxiously. "I think it most heligant, miss," readily replied the girl.

"Now, give it up straight, Marier, is it up to date?"

"Up to date? Why, miss, it might have been made next week."

Turning to Maria, Smudgee said: "Tell my sainted mother and my dearly-loved uncle they're not to worry about me; that I've gone to do some shoppin' a' little bit of business on my own." Smudgee, putting on her best princess deportment, left the room.

Just then Nathan and Sal came into the room.

"Where's Miss Loopy, chambermaid?" asked Sal.

"She's just gone out, ma'am, to do some shopping and a little bit o' business on her own. And she told me to tell you she'd be back when she got 'ome." And, with an inward chuckle, Maria followed the water.

"Drat that kid; vot game's she up to now?" asked Sal of nobody in particular. "Oh, my ead, it's got loose marbles in it," she added, holding her temples with her hot and feverish hand.

Here Sal caught sight of Wolfe's note. "Ere's a note, looks like Wolfe's writing." "Wolfe? I shouldn't wonder. It's just come. It's wet."

The envelope was wet certainly, but it had not just come." It had been in Smudgee's hands for some time. Sal gave out aloud the contents already familiar to the reader.

"Lamentable weakness," commented Nat. "I like that. That pallis whisky would pison a bloomkin' rhinoceros."

"Lamentable weakness," echoed Sal. "It's addin' insult to injury. What's mean by 'take tea'? Does he think we're kittens. Why don't e suggest milk while he's about it? I'll just drink what I like, when I like, where I like!"

"Do, old gal. But, take it from me, bar pallis whisky. We'll 'ave Wolfe 'ere in a minute." Are ready ter start?"

For several reasons Sal disdained Mr. Wolfe. She hated his contemptuous indifference to her charms. He never once looked at her as a woman—and disregard of her charms invariably caused Sal much annoyance. She hated him for having so completely got the better of Nat and herself, but in her strange, contradictory way, she hated him most because he was trying to injure Jack. True, she, too, was working against Mowbray, but that was different. She meant to do well by him in the end. On this day she was in that condition known in her class as "nasty drunk," and that is something very nasty indeed.

There was a knock at the door, and, in reply to Nat's invitation to come in, Wolfe entered. He looked at the two partners and at the whisky decanter, and, not noticing Nat's surly "good morning," snarled out,

"You're at it again, I see."

"Yes, I am," Sal snapped back. "You shut yer 'ead about 'lamentable weakness.' Mind yer own business."

"This is my business, madam, and it's hardly likely to be a profitable one if you cannot keep

him confessed the truth—how would that help? Sal was still the widow of the son and brother, and held the power to turn Lady Walgrave and Sibyl out of the house. Certainly, if they knew the truth, nothing would persuade them to stay in it an hour with Sal as its lawful mistress. To exist on the sufferance or charity of such a creature as Sal was not possible, not even to be considered. Yet, by the terms of Sir James's will there was little or no provision made for them. What could he do? Fight for them to the last of course.

Yes, he must go on to the end. He would fight these people to the finish.

As Jack went out of the windows Lady Walgrave entered at the door, followed by an old friend, the bush parson, Mr. Benn.

"Pray come in, Mr.—Mr.," she said.

"Benn—Walter Benn, Lady Walgrave."

Lady Walgrave was studying the card she held in her hand, and was wondering who her visitor was. In her sweet, ladylike manner, she said, "Please sit down. I have not the honour of knowing you, Mr. Benn."

"No, Lady Walgrave, few people know me. I've lived too long away from England. Just returned from Australia; in fact, arrived only two days ago."

"Australia, Ah! my darling son—"

"Oh, yes; it was of him I came to speak," replied Benn, with such intense sympathy and sadness in his tone that Lady Walgrave wondered why he had called upon her.

"You knew him, then?"

"Yes, it was my pleasure to know him intimately for some time."

Still she wondered at the sadness of his manner. Nor could Mr. Benn understand the look of happiness that was on her face as she said:

"Any friend of my dear son's is welcome here. When and where did you meet?"

"At Woolloogoolga Gully, on the back blocks, poor fellow."

"Poor boy; yes, he must have suffered terribly."

"Ah, yes; he was all over before I got there. It was a quiet resting place under the wattle trees. I had them planted myself, and took a snapshot of it. I thought you might like to have a copy."

As he took out his pocket-book to find the photograph Tom strode into the room. As he met Mr. Benn he stopped in dumb surprise and dread. Mr. Benn took his hand, and said:

"Mr. Hewley, I do declare. What a strange coincidence. You were there, of course. I called to give this to Lady Walgrave—a picture of the grave, you know."

It was now Mr. Benn's turn to be astounded, for Jack came into the chamber and met his gaze full-eyed and silent. Jack, surprised and horrified as he was for a moment, recovered himself quickly, and said, with much seeming pleasure:

"Ah, Mr. Benn, glad to meet you again."

Taking the photograph from Mr. Benn's hand, he added: "Why, a photograph of poor Jack Mowbray's grave, and a good one, too. Yours? Poor Mowbray. He was a good fellow. You remember, Mr. Benn, you rather liked him. I think, his death—was it not? How beautifully you read the service. And how we all sorrowed for poor Jack Mowbray—the friend I've told my mother about so often. So glad you've called and met my dear mother. My sister, too—you must meet her. Where is she, by the way?"

"Mr.——" Benn was going to say "Mowbray," but Jack anticipated him, and said, hastily;

what was the matter with those two? Was it whisky, or —"

"I'm going to ask Wong. I fancy he is responsible for that."

In answer to the bell, Wong glided in, as imperturbable as ever. Jack scanned him narrowly, as he asked:

"Did you hear those people, last night, Wong, say anything while I was away?"

"Allee samee 'Stralia man and Sallee woman? Sallee she say she all shivers, and she drinks some whisky." Here Wong smiled: his particular smile. "And 'Stralia man say he got the jumps; den he take allee samee whisky." Wong smiled once more. Then, Mandarin man heap fast shop—lawyer feller—he say, you make a mess—if more whisky you hab. Man he whisky take—Sallee woman whisky take. Both go sleep—much helpee boss. Sallee woman too much talkie—talkee."

"Far too much!" groaned poor Jack, remembering Sibyl's appearance while Sal was screaming.

"Stralia man Wong lember all long—Woolloogoolga Gully time."

"What's that?" said the startled Jack.

"Hulloos!" exclaimed the equally interested Tom.

"When did you see him there?" asked Jack, eagerly.

"Allee samee Thompson's s'lecahm go burn. Wong ears hab got—Wong listen allee time he talkee—talkee to Sallee woman."

"Yes? And you had heard something he did not wish you to hear?"

Wong nodded with something that was almost akin to energy for him.

"He muchee heap talkee—Wong not muchee hear—but he say: 'Who the blazes is that?' and Sallee woman say: 'She allee samee your daughter!'"

"Who was his daughter? Who?"

Wong was about to reply, but Sibyl entered. She looked very pale and distressed. Seeing Jack she hesitated and said faintly:

"I beg your pardon. I did not know you were engaged."

"Pray come in," murmured Jack, in a tone scarce less faint than her own.

"I'll run away, Miss Landale," Tom said, discreetly, to her. Then, turning to Jack, he whispered as he left the room: "I shall be at hand if you want me."

Jack dismissed Wong.

"Wong, I'll see you again presently. Go now."

Wong went, and Jack turned, with downcast eyes and beating heart to Sibyl, saying, "What is it, Sibyl?"

"I'm very unhappy, Jack." He feared she was about to speak of Sal, and he trembled. But she said something else, something that made his heart bound with joy. It was: "I've refused Lord Thorland, Jack."

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**"THE SELFISH SEX."**

**Women Complain That Men Are the Most Extravagant in Dress.**

The report of a recent case in which a dressmaker—a lady for an overdue account, and the company thereon, have moved several indignant ladies to write letters pointing out that in such cases the fault is nearly always a man's. With every desire to do justice to "the sex," we print below some of their plaints:—

To the Editor of the *Daily Illustrated Mirror*.  
Bills for dress are the worry of my life, but what can I do? My allowance is inadequate, but I must look smart, or my husband would be the first to come.

And I know he wastes ten times as much money as, added to my allowance, would make me comfortable. I ventured to point this out once, but I did not do so again—he was so angry. What am I to do?

IN DEBT.

To the Editor of the *Daily Illustrated Mirror*.  
I have read with interest the articles appearing in your and other newspapers with reference to West End tradesmen and their losses on account of the credit system.

As usual, one side only of the question has been stated, and on my own behalf, as well as for the benefit of other women, I should like to put the other side of the question before you.

I am a married woman with a dress allowance of £100 a year, but this is not merely for myself. Out of it I have to pay travelling expenses when I go about by myself; tips (a very large item), club subscriptions, and a hundred and other things absolutely necessary to a woman who goes into society at all. My husband always expects me to be well turned-out, and objects to seeing the same clothes often; therefore, what I really have I but to get my clothes on the credit system, pay for them by degrees, or trust to luck or a big win at Bridge to clear off my debts and start clear again.

Again, I have never yet appealed to my husband to settle my bills, and if I had to do so, I expect him to do so, seeing that his dress allowance is limited, and he spends far more than I do.

What about pure silk undergarments exquisitely embroidered, the finest cambric shirts, an unlimited number of waistcoats, coats for golfing, shooting, hunting, riding, etc., etc. Men are never sued for their dress bills. There are many rich women supporting idle, impious husbands. I think some husbands should remember this, and try the effect of an expanded dress allowance.

AN INDIGNANT WIFE.

To the Editor of the *Daily Illustrated Mirror*.  
I admit me, as one of the slandered sex, to say that I consider this fuss made about our dressmakers' bills is simply disgraceful. It has been started by men, judged by men, and written about by men simply to conceal their own extravagance and selfishness. They think that by blistering about our poor little failings they will prevent our pointing out their own shameless sins. I, for one, refuse to be bullied into silence.

If we have trouble about our dress-bills, it is because men spend so much on themselves that they cannot make us fair allowances. Men spend from eight to fifteen guineas on suits, and they are always having new ones. We have reason for new dresses—a woman cannot go to two bills in the same dress, and fashions are always changing—but men buy new clothes for sheer love of it. And are we alone in having trouble about our bills? Do men never neglect to pay their tailors?

Then, in minor dress matters, men have scores of extravagances. Jewelled buttons and sleeve-links, hand-worked silk socks, expensive ties, and dozens of other such things are in great demand among the sex that professes to scorn our natural love for the beautiful in dress.

It is all the same. Is it not so many and more extravagant, and more paid bills than we, men spend ten times as much on their personal wants as women. On casual meals with acquaintances at restaurant or club, on wines, billiards, and cigars, there is not a man about town who does not spend ten times as much as the most extravagant woman.

I consider the perpetual agitations against women's expenditure show unspeakable meanness on the part of man, and demonstrate that the "selfish sex" is well named.

DISGUSTED.

As you are a man I do not suppose you will print this. If you do not I shall send a copy to a woman's paper.

**FROM THE SHIRES.**

**Plough Horses Parade the Tan Ring at Islington.**

The twenty-fifth annual London show of the Shire Horse Society was opened yesterday morning at the Agricultural Hall.

At an early hour the hall was filled with a bucolic and ruddy face, sturdy of limb, and running to large checks and wide-striped tweeds as regards the outer man.

Round the tan-covered ring were stabled the horses, each stall was discreetly curtained with sacking and labelled with its inmate's show number. The grooms were busy ministering to the wants of their charges with sacks of chaff and strings of water. The competitors could be heard straining uneasily behind their purdahs, but only their own attendants were permitted to see them till the hour for judging arrived. When they emerged into the publicity of the ring the approving comments of the spectators bore witness to the quality of the "Old English Breed of Cart Horses," exhibited under the auspices of the Society.

The proceedings began by the judging of one-year-old stallions, sturdy, shaggy-legged youngsters, with be-ruffled manes and tails and a sprinkling of sawdust on their woolly backs—"just as though they had been packed in sawdust like

tomatoes," as a miniature spectator remarked to his father, a sporting John Bull, as old English as appears in the horses he was showing.

The judges were kept hard at work, and will be kept as busy to-day, when the champion prizes will be awarded. On Thursday there is a sale of fillies, and on Friday many of the stallions and geldings will be disposed of by auction.

The show is larger than any preceding ones; there are 800 entries. Among the exhibitors are his Majesty the King, Sir Walter Gilbey, Lord Llangattock, Lord Middleton, the Duchess of Newcastle, and Mr. John Pearson, of Nately Garstang.

**TIDINGS OF MISSING TRANSPORT.**

The master of a fishing smack has brought to the French Navy Office at La Rochelle a bottle picked up at sea, which is believed to be a relic of the lost transport Vienne.

A paper found inside the bottle contained a note with an illegible signature to the effect that the Vienne was wrecked on the rocks in the channel known as Pertuis d'Antioche, between the Ille de Ré and the mainland.

**HOW RUSSIA MAKES WAR.**

The Russian warships forming the Vladivostok squadron behaved in a treacherous manner when they captured and sank the Japanese coasting steamer Nakanoura. While the boats were being lowered in compliance with the Russian order to leave the ship the Russians opened fire and wounded two of the crew, who fell into the sea.

**BACHELOR EXODUS.**

**Men Fly the Country Rather than Face a Leap Year Proposal.**

Next Monday is the fatal day. At midnight on the Sabbath, till the clock strikes the first hour of March, the fair sex will control the marriage market. To propose or not to propose, that will be the fatal question. The twenty-ninth of February is already sending the eligible bachelor to distant parts.

For man, ever a coward where making up his mind is concerned, had decided to shun the deadly date. Next Sunday you may meet him lording it in the boudoirs and drawing-rooms of the fair. At the stroke of twelve, however, he will be found making the passage to Calais or some other lonely spot, where the objects of his trepidations will have no opportunity of asking him to stand and deliver.

Already a few timely ones have fled. It is rumoured that numerous eligible stockbrokers,

taking advantage of the present lack of business, have left their affairs to their clerks and disappeared till the day is over, leaving no address.

A well-known tourist agency confirms our worst suspicions. "Yes, we are daily inundated with inquiries for first returns to places where the twenty-ninth of February is a harmless and ordinary date. Russia, where the calendar is different from our own, is a favourite place of refuge, besides being made interesting by the present war fervour and the public appearances of the Tsar. Most of our clients have sought safety in Russia," said the manager.

To remain in town on February 29 will either amount to a statement that one is married and, therefore, has no fear of the fair proposer; or that one is so singularly ugly that the odd day provides one with the chance of a lifetime.

Ugly men, who have shrunk from a declaration for fear of a rebuff, may be trusted to utilise the 29th. Their better-favoured competitors will have retired to distant parts, and, carefully arrayed and displayed, the ugly ones may be trusted to court the society of their women friends in the hopes of the long-desired proposal coming their way.

# A PAGE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN.

## A PLEA FOR THE PARLOUR.

### HINTS FOR THE SPRING DECORATOR AND FURNISHER.

Why not attempt a sweet, old-fashioned drawing-room of the parlour kind now that the season is approaching in which the annual spring cleaning and redecorating of the home is the "housewife's chief care?"

There are many such possible. First, there is the chintz parlour, which is perfect in its way. There is no lack of beautiful chintzes suitable for this room; the rose chintz, the holly-hock chintz, the rhododendron chintz among others; but for a real old-fashioned parlour there is nothing so quaint and suitable as that of pink roses on a purple ground. It gives a colour effect something between magenta and puce, which is charming.

Furnish this room with Sheraton furniture, or with a good modern imitation of this style. A corner cupboard is essential and its glass-panelled

material in imitation of chintz. The piano should be an old-fashioned grand containing the most modern arrangements of wires and hammers. If an old sampler or two can be found hang them on the walls with the hand-worked pictures of our grandmothers' days. But if these are not available nothing can be more fitting than the old coloured engravings which are fashionable just now.

#### Rose-Leaves and Lavender.

A heart-shaped screen of the fluted purple-pink silk on a tall thin stem rising from three legs will add to the effect of the chintz parlour; a round mirror must be hung over the fireplace, and on the mantelpiece I imagine a tiny central Sheraton clock, a few miniatures, and a pair of very delicate lustres containing candles shaded with the stiff chintz shades. The work-table must be well in evidence with its hanging bag of faded silk, and also the curio table, which will, of course, hold the silver snuffers and the Georgian spoons and the ivory-backed scratcher of the period.

This room, too, must be full of the scent of lavender and rose leaves; indeed, the pot-pourri bowl is a necessity, and old richly-coloured chintz will add largely to the scheme. Austin Dobson

with the same stuff as the curtains, which should be of a handsome tapestry in shades of blue and green.

In an oaken parlour great care must be taken to make everything comfortable, as oak in itself is apt to be hard and stiff and angular. So the settees and straight chairs must be mattress and cushioned, and if these cushions are covered with blue silk of a paler shade than the walls, the effect will be harmonious and true.

An inge-nook in this oaken parlour will be a great addition, and can be easily arranged in any room of sufficient size. Imagine this room in the dusk with the firelight flickering on the oak and silver. What modern drawing-room can call up such interesting ghosts?

#### The Gleaming Glint of Brass.

A Dutch parlour is another type of simple rooms, and with the help of a good deal of Flemish brass ware there is no dullness in the scheme. The fireplace here is important. It must have a narrow mantel-shelf very near to the ceiling, and upon it brass ornaments of any plain kind, such as coffee pots, milk cans, and quaint jugs, and on each side of the fireplace, which must be filled in with Dutch tiles, should hang old-fashioned warming-pans and bellows. The fender and fire-irons must, of course,



Above is depicted a handsome and comfortable Dutch parlour. It is the mode among modern bridal pairs to begin by furnishing their rooms sparingly, so that they can buy period pieces, or good imitations of them, bit by bit, and so enjoy the pleasures of collecting.

doors must be lined with fluted silk of the purple-pink tone. Carpet the floor with a plain, full green pile carpet, if possible; but if not, use a really good felt of the same tone for a floor covering, and at the fireplace and anywhere else where warmth and relief are needed put imitation Persian rugs in which and purples predominate.

There must be a really comfortable old-fashioned sofa, of the sort with bolsters at each end, and several luxurious arm-chairs, all covered with chintz. The cushions must be round, finished with cord at the edge, and covered with harmonious shades of the purple-pink silk. The curtains must be of chintz, lined with the silk used for the rest of the room.

I suggest a white watered paper right up to the ceiling, where it should be bordered by a simple edging of pink roses. If the light used is electric, have it in lamps primly shaded with stiffly fluted

has immortalised the old-fashioned parlour for us, which he says is

Piled with a dancé Dresden world—  
Beaux, beauties, prayers, and poses—  
Bonnes with squat legs undereared,  
And great jars filled with roses.

#### The Oak and Silver Parlour.

If the Chintz Parlour does not appeal to everyone, then the Oak and Silver Parlour for those of more austere taste. It is essential that for perfect beauty, black oak shall be placed against a dull, full blue. An engraving paper of this colour as a background for dark oak is one of the most beautiful things imaginable. See that the frieze rail is set rather low, and that the frieze itself is of amethystine, lincrusta, or cordelova, painted an ivory white. A blue Donegal carpet rather darker in tone than the paper will be suitable and comfortable, and the chairs and sofas must be covered

be of brass, and in the roomy hearth there may be one of those quaint brass candlestands, upon the points of which the candles are stuck.

Flat white panelled walls, as far as the shelf below the frieze, will be in keeping, and a carved frieze of a glowing design will look well in this parlour. There must be few pictures, and these must fit into the panels. Engravings of good pictures by the old Dutch masters will look better than any others if originals cannot be afforded. The important pieces of furniture should be of Dutch marquetry, say a cabinet, a tall clock, and a quaint narrow chest of drawers.

Some Delft ware may be placed on the shelf, round the walls, below the frieze, and for the rest let the tones be golden brown and pale yellow. No room will be prettier than the Dutch parlour if care is taken to introduce nothing foreign to the style; the least suggestion of a cheerful loudness will be fatal. Plenty of comfortable chairs and sofas will give comfort, so that in this parlour both mind and body may be at rest.

## BRIDGE DAY BY DAY.

By ERNEST BERGHOLT.

### EIGHTH WEEKLY COMPETITION.

We have to add to our remarks in yesterday's issue on Coupon D that it was considered a serious defect in a few solutions (otherwise meritorious) when the dealer was made to leave it on such a hand as the following:—  
Q. Q. 8, 7; ♦ A, K, 7; ♦ 9, 5, 3; ♠ K, Q, 6, 2 (given by A. W. D. C., Bedford), on which No-trumps should have been declared. W. A. S. (Lower Edmonton) gave the correct play of the ending, but lost marks through an erroneous statement that the four tricks could equally well be secured by another method. Since the problem sent by our Paris friend, solvers have been very prone to discover "second solutions" which do not exist.

In Coupons A, B, C, the following declarations have been adjudged correct. I leave it.—One correspondent says—

"Nothing shall induce me to go No-trumps on this hand, not even an edict issued by the Bridge Editor." In point of fact, we consider it just below the requisite strength, but only very slightly. In an American book, we find it given as "a standard No-trumper at least."

Spades.—This hand, which was forwarded by a correspondent, should be contrasted with Competition 5, No. 4, which we considered strong enough for a heart. The present hand is weaker, and a spade is less likely to be doubled. We think the border-line is thus just crossed.

Diamonds. On this point we are in accord with Hellspont's book.

4. Spades.

5. No Trumps. Speculative, but we think the risk should be taken.

6. Spades.

An impression seems to have got abroad (to judge from the correspondence column of a contemporary) that we are in favour of weak red declarations by Dummy, we are glad of the opportunity to point to Nos. 2, 4, and 6 as instances of where we should draw the line. Our Paris friend thinks that Bridge-players of the future "will insist strongly upon No. 1, Heart, No. 2, Club, and No. 6 a Diamond; but that is not a view of the best players of the present."

#### THE PRIZE-WINNERS.

A cheque for £5 will be sent to each of the following four competitors:—

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Mrs. M. J. Williams, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.  
Mrs. G. de L. Pollard-Lowesley, Linthorpe, Southport.  
J. A. Davis, 12, Craven-Hill, Hyde Park, W.

And a Portland Bridge case to each of the following ten competitors:—

Maj. T. W. Hale, 90, Newlands-Park, Sydenham, S.E.  
S. C. Costello, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.  
Percy M. Costello, 19, Yorks-Terrace, Regent's Park, N.W.  
G. M. Simond, II, Portman-Street, W.  
E. H. Plank, North Lodge, New Barnet.  
A. Lienard, 15, Eton-Road, Southgate.  
B. G. Smith, 10, Judds-Bridge, London, S.E.  
Albert Mayer, 22, Rue Mont-Thabor, Paris.  
H. J. Williams, 19a, Gloucester-Road, S.W.  
S. F. Card, R.N., Parkhurst, Westcombe Park-Road, S.E.

#### THE RETURN OF A WANDERER.

A. C. (Seaford) sends us a 13-cent. double-dummy Bridge problem, which, he says, was given to him in Ireland, and which he found in a "copy of a 'fanzine'" he says, "cannot tell you anything of its origin." He says, "it may be one of your own!" The problem is, in fact, by Mr. Ernest Bergholt, and was first published by him in May of last year. As so many people evidently take a great interest in this kind of problem, we will republish it within

## SWEET SIXTEEN.

Just emerging out of the chrysalis state, pending mind of the wearer of the pretty pictured below should find all-sufficient gratification in the decorative accessories of lace and velvety privileged to adorn this otherwise simple



eggshell blue face-cloth. Trimmings of black velvet bands and buttons give distinction to the delicate blue and lace, which should be of quite a heavy écrù, that furthermore adorns it.

## SIMPLE DISH.

### PINEAPPLE FRITTERS.

**INGREDIENTS:**—A small tin of pineapple, castor sugar. For the batter: Quarter of a pound of flour, quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, quarter of a pint of tepid water, one teaspoonful of salic oil or melted butter, one or two whites of eggs.

Mix flour and salt together. Then stir into it smoothly the tepid water and oil. Leave it to stand while you prepare the fruit. Cut the pine-apple into large cubes or neat finger-pieces. Dip it over well with castor sugar, and, if liked, pour over some liqueur. Let them lie in this till wanted; then drain them well.

Put a deep pan of fat on the fire to get hot, and while it is doing so beat very stiffly the batter. When a faint bluish smoke rises from the fat dip the pieces of pineapple into the batter, and then dip them gently into the fat and fry a pretty brown. Drain well on kitchen paper. Sprinkle some castor sugar, and serve.

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the next day or two, so as to give our readers opportunity of showing their skill. Probably it will be new to most of them.

#### NOT A POPULAR CHARACTER.

"While writing," continues our correspondent, "I may put forward the plea that the titrades 'Whistful Novice' may in future be ignored. I am so tired of seeing valuable space taken up by his opinions, and can only suggest that he publish his name and address, so that we may be able to communicate with him 'on our own.' I might then have a pleasant time!"

We are ourselves beginning to find the gentle man in question a bit of a bore, and heartily endorse A. Z. C.'s suggestion.

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## NAVAL ESTIMATES.

Parliament Discusses the Purchase of the Two Chilean Battleships.

## A GOVERNMENT DEFEAT.

The Prime Minister's absence has been keenly felt from the first day of the session. Yesterday the loss of his great debating powers and keen Scotch metaphysical intellect were painfully apparent.

The day commenced badly for the Government. Mr. Akers-Douglas, the Home Secretary, moved a resolution providing for the discussion of the reports of Money Committees at any hour after midnight, though opposed.

The fat was in the fire. "Tommy," the alert and irrepressible member for King's Lynn, gave his "Randolphian" a succession of quick, angry twists:—The idea of such a thing! A new sessional order extending and amplifying the reports of money votes in the early hours of the morning!

"It can only lead to scenes and scandals," shouted Mr. Redmond.

The Home Secretary consulted Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, and Sir Alexander Acland-Hood consulted the Home Secretary. There was a pause. The Liberals laughed in triumph and derision.

Until Mr. Balfour Returns.

The colour rose to the sun-tanned face of the Government Whip. "The Government have put this motion on the paper," remarked the soldier-baronet, somewhat apologetically, "but they do not press it at the present moment. We will adjourn the motion until the return of the Prime Minister."

"No; withdraw, withdraw," screamed the tractarian Radicals.

"Tommy" beamed in his corner-seat. A wicked twinkle lit his eye. "I must insist on dividing the House if the Government do not withdraw the motion," he said.

"Withdraw," "withdraw," cried the Radicals.

The Speaker put the question.

"The noses have it," screamed the Radicals. The Tories remained silent, and the motion was negatived without a division, amid the boisterous cheers of an hilarious party.

The clouds of trouble darkened. A supplementary vote of £1,270,000 was required to defray charges incurred in naval services.

Good Gracious!

Mr. Edmund Robertson fixed his pince-nez on the tip of his nose and patted his notes on the brass-edged box in front of his chief, "C.-B." Why has no effect been given to the economical profession of the Government last year as regards the Navy? Last year's original estimate was the largest estimate ever presented to the House for the Navy in a time of peace. Good gracious! If this supplementary estimate was agreed to the gross total expenditure upon the Navy during the financial year about a close would be no less than £41,000,000, or as much as £1 a head for every man, woman, and child in the United Kingdom!

Mr. Robertson's protruding eyes swelled with righteous indignation. And why had the Government bought these two Chilean warships? Those fellows opposite would have to show why a purchase which they said was inadvisable, imprudent, imprudent twelve months ago was advisable, imprudent, and proper now.

The Radicals, feeling that the elect of Dundee had landed a heavy blow on the nose, yelled in triumph over the Admiralty representatives.

It was not the duty of our Admiralty every time a warship was in the market to rush in and buy it. It is presumed the ships had not been paid for.

"Yes, they have," said Mr. Pretyman, in cooing tones.

"Ha, ha," thought Mr. Robertson, like the queening villain of the play. Then the money had been paid without the assent of Parliament! The battleship programme of the Government had been increased by two vessels, the money paid over, and all without the confirmation of the House of Commons!

Purplic Purists.

The financial "purists" on the Opposition purpled with indignation. Somebody went for Mr. Austin Chamberlain, who arrived in haste, raised his eyeglass, pulled out his cuffs, and hurried his hands in a sheaf of tape-tied papers. Supplementary Estimates were in themselves an evil. He came into his present office long after the commencement of the present financial year, but he and the Secretary to the Treasury had done their best to limit the Supplementary Estimates. The present vote was mainly due to three causes:—(1) the purchase of the Chilean battleships; (2) the fact that the contractors for Government works had made far greater progress than the Admiralty had anticipated; (3) the fact that when the original estimates for repairs were framed many ships were on active service, and when they came into port a larger amount of repairs was necessary. As to the purchase of the Chilean warships, he took full responsibility. Last Session the Government thought it undesirable to buy them at the price then asked. When the matter arose again this winter, under different circumstances, and at a reduced price, the Government thought they would be greatly lacking in their duty if they did not purchase. Two battleships added to the strength of another Power must seriously affect the balance of naval power, and would increase the Naval Estimates.

Mr. Arthur Elliot, the ex-Secretary to the Treasury, entered the House with the assistance of a couple of sticks and displayed great interest in the Chancellor's announcement. Mr. Ritchie moved in turn to Mr. Ritchie to discuss the statement point by point as it was being made.

The member for Craydon sprang to his feet and raised his bushy brows. "The amount of the Estimates which I sanctioned was the largest that has ever been submitted to the country. After getting certain items reduced, I sanctioned that large and very justifiable expenditure. I did not see my way to increase the amount by the purchase of two ships which were never contemplated as necessary. . . . I agree with the present Chancellor that there are certain circumstances in the

val of his  
M NEWMARKET.

## Flying Form.

few more of the two-year-olds it will be impossible to overlook the by Waiting, who is really a filly. She will be known as Flying Form, surprised if her name proves as ability she will display on a

has a good average-looking foal. Reginald Day has been giving on as possible.

er is Charlotte Brontë, a bay mare. She only cost Sir Edgar a yearling.

son of Perigord—Catch Up, black-set horse, who is not likely to run until the season has ad-

erable value are often picked stock, and I shall be exceeding-ly fitly by Crafton—Kennington, for Sir Edgar Vincent, not he only cost her owner 100 from the Compton studs, the name of Iphigenia.

ng's team was witnessed yesterday.

s Dunboyne (Mr. Hardy up-ty), and Gleamore (Deauville's Port Light C. Lawrence) gallop of three miles over the same obstacles. Lungs are the first mile.

OLD ROWLEY,

## HOCKEY.

v. CAMBRIDGE. inter-Varsity hockey match will soon at Surbiton. Oxford have once last term, when they showed off their prowess, but this meeting, however, has improved of their recent matches, and there is every promise of a close

re won six times, and Oxford five

d (Marlborough and Balliol); and Corpus) and J. P. Winter (Oriel). F. W. Goldring (Magd. Uni.), H. G. Gunston (Marlborough and Peterhouse); and A. H. Horsfall (Marlborough and Trinity); C. Abbott and Kebble, H. Cheshire, L. C. F. Nash (Harrow and Colgate); and J. P. Winter (Marlborough and Trinity); L. D. Gillingham (Clifton and Peterhouse); D. E. Miller (Prestwich and King's); L. D. Gillingham (Rugby and Trinity); C. K. Clark (Trinity); Hon. R. B. Weston (Trinity); D. E. McCorkell (private); and W. Dryland (Uppingham) and an old blue.

## COUNTY C.C.

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